

Importance of a Logic Model

Logic models provide a proven strategy to plan for and demonstrate program performance, and are well-aligned with the focus of the uniform grant guidance and its performance-based requirements. Logic models are usually presented in the form of a chart or table that reflects the relationships between the resources, activities, outputs and ultimately, the outcomes of a program.

Logic Models and Grants

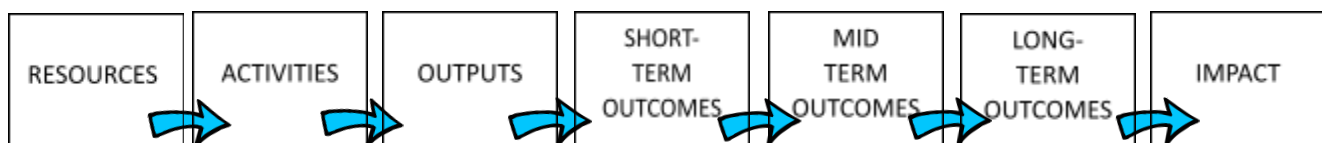
More federal and state agencies are requiring the use of a logic model as part of an evaluation plan. Concurrently, grant recipients today are expected to demonstrate the effectiveness of their program through their outcomes, as well as to relate grant expenditures to program activities. Logic models help target resources to activities that most effectively produce the anticipated outcomes.

Even if a granting agency does not require the use of a logic model, it still may be a consideration to incorporate the use of a logic model into the project evaluation. The tool also has value beyond project evaluation. Logic models can be used to frame program development, organize thinking, guide proposal writing and strengthen reporting.

In its simplest format, logic models have four components:

- inputs: what resources, such as funding, personnel or equipment, support the program;
- activities: what work, such as a training program, will accomplish goals;
- outputs: what is produced, such as number of workshops, number of attendees;
- outcomes: what benefits or changes, such as increased knowledge, resulted?

Information as a Progression



Most logic models use a column format for capturing information as a progression. The logic model includes resources, activities, outputs and outcomes. These are the essential elements that are used to secure results or make change happen.

Title:

Purpose of the Study:

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-Term Outcomes	Mid-Term Outcomes	Long-Term Outcomes
<u>Required resources:</u>	<u>Activities:</u>	<u>Participation:</u>	Impact or change within the life of the grant	Impact or change within the next one to three years after the grant	Impact or change three years and beyond after the grant
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