

Merced Foundation

Merced Foundation End of Cycle Report Version 1

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A condition of the award you have received from the Merced Foundation, is to submit the End of Cycle Report within a year from the award date. The document needs to address your proposed outcomes to actual results. Each organization that receives an award will have unique criteria they are addressing meaning each EOC will be unique to their situation.

We want you to provide Merced Foundation insights into the progress of the funds given, what has been achieved, drawbacks, and data that can show how the funds were used. The funds awarded are to be allocated to the proposed use in the application and the evaluation should show how the funds were spent. If funds are needed to be used different to the intended use this must be first approved by Merced Foundation.

Future awards will be assessed with consideration from previous evaluations.

Use both qualitative and quantitative data to analyze results. We appreciate getting to see accurate data: including funds spent, participation numbers, partnerships etc. Below are guidelines or examples of possible parameters, please use these as stepping stones for your evaluation.

Initial Evaluation

1. What problem/situation are you trying to address?
2. How will the progress for each outcome you are trying to achieve be assessed?
3. What would success look like?
4. What data or evaluation parameters do you have in place to measure change? Do these have a clear link to help you measure the desired outcome?
5. Did you draw on any previous evidence or data collected?
6. Did you seek to find partnerships or possibilities for assistance?

Measurement Tools

1. Did you use and measurement tools or indicators while preparing for project?
2. What were they and did they help evaluate outcomes?

Tool examples: Decision tree, Outcome rating scale, Personnel well-being Index, Stakeholders surveys.

3. Include budgeting and finances for project.

Added Evaluation

1. What steps or action did you or your organization take to achieve results?
2. Were any of these unique to your organization?
3. What resources were available to you?
4. What were the shortcomings?
5. Can you define the problem on a macro scale? Are there further systemic changes that need to be addressed before you will see real change in the issue?
6. Were partnerships available to you?

Practical Evaluation

1. What did you do?
2. Did stakeholders actively participate or are they introduced after goal achieved?
3. Did stakeholders have any opportunities to evaluate how their needs were met?
4. What limitations are present?
5. Please provide physical documentation or artifacts i.e. photos, videos etc.
6. How has the stakeholders' knowledge, capabilities or circumstances changed?

Final Evaluation

1. Was the goal achieved?
2. Is there anything you could have done differently to achieve a better outcome?
3. Is there anything that Merced Foundation could improve or change to help with the outcome?

Every grantee will have a unique evaluation to measure outcomes and will need to tailor their approach to gather the most relative and important data for their own purpose. The most important aspect is to set measurements or indicators that are effective and will provide data about the progress and or changes created to reach the outcome.