Grant Seeking & Writing

Tips to Improve Your Odds of Success







What is a grant?

- Outside source of funds
- Specific amount of funds
- Specific tasks/deliverables
- Set amount of time
- Greater benefits





Typically Funded

- Pilot projects
- Research studies
- Expansion projects
- Specific training
- Development of something new







Formula vs. Competitive

- Formula grants are based on a specific pre-determined formula among set eligible recipients
- Statewide, about \$55 million in formula funds pass through to courts
- Competitive grants have yearly applications





Where to Find Leads

- State Justice Institute
- US Department of Justice
- California Executive Branch
- Serranus Grants Page
- Court News Update
- National Center for State Courts











The Narrative: Writing a Compelling Statement of Need

The Statement of Need establishes that you understand the <u>issue/problem</u> and therefore can reasonably address it.





Statement of Need: Basic Rules

- The statement should focus on those people you serve, rather than your organization's needs.
- State the problem in terms of community impact.





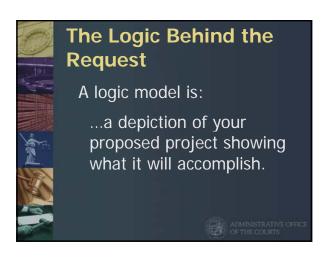
It's All About the Need

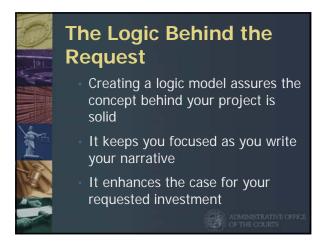
Defining the <u>situation</u> is the first step in logic model development

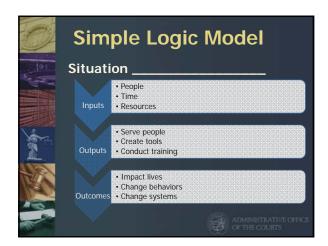
- What problematic condition exists that demands a programmatic response?
- Should be <u>community based</u> need



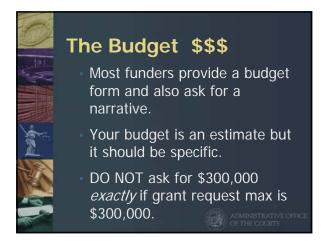














The Budget \$\$\$

- The proposed budget should mirror your narrative.
- All sections in the narrative that describe an activity with an associated cost should be addressed in budget.





Federal Requirements

- Read the RFP, grant award and any referenced documents
- Civil Rights Act requirements, anti lobbying, drug free workplace





Federal Requirements

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (P.L.109-282). The Act requires OMB to maintain a single, searchable website that contains information on all federal awards







