

PREPARING FOR THE OUTCOME VISIT

The purpose of the visit is to assess the outcomes of ANA funding, increase ANA knowledge about successes and challenges of ANA projects, and to share stories of ANA projects with fellow Native communities, Congress and the American public. The outcomes visit serves as an opportunity for the recipient to explain how the project resulted in measurable reduction to, or elimination of, the problems and needs described in the original application. Prior to the outcome visit, an ANA outcome evaluator will contact the recipient.

The visits generally occur between the last three months of a project to the three months after completion of the project.

OUTCOME VISIT OUTLINE

The goals of the Outcome Visit are:

1. To assess the impact of ANA funding on Native American communities.
2. To learn more about the successes and challenges of ANA recipients to improve ANA service delivery.
3. To increase transparency and share the recipients' unique stories.

The visit is conducted by an ANA staff member. We will ask questions from a survey and most questions can be answered by the project manager. In addition to meeting with project staff, we want to see as much of the project as possible. This can include group meetings with participants, site visits, participating in classes, events, etc.

The following is a brief overview of a more extensive survey instrument, as well as information from the Ongoing Progress Report we use during the visit. We provide this outline in hopes that having this information ready prior to the visit will allow us more time to meet and speak with participants, staff, and the community. The survey is broken down into the following sections:

Objective Work Plan

During the impact visit we will discuss your OWP and your progress and accomplishments towards project objectives. We recommend that you be prepared to:

- Provide information on the extent to which you achieved project objectives.
- Share best practices.
- Provide information on the results and benefits of project activities.
- Discuss the extent to which your project addressed the original current community condition as stated in your application.

- Discuss your project specific indicator(s), the extent to which you were able to meet your end of project target, and what change you predict three years from now.
- Discuss who benefited from the project (including how many individuals directly benefited), and what impact the project had on each beneficiary you identified. We encourage you to invite project beneficiaries to the impact visit.
- Discuss how you plan to sustain the project outcomes, services and activities after the project ends.

Project Development

We will ask about the application development process. We recommend you be prepared to discuss how the project was developed. We also wish to learn about project marketing and outreach strategies.

Project Challenges

We will gather information on the challenges encountered during project planning and implementation. This could be presented to the impact evaluators through a slide presentation along with solutions used to address these challenges.

Project Benefits

We will ask you to reflect on what steps you have taken to ensure your project benefits continue after ANA funding ends and share what your next steps will be to continue project services.

Discuss, if applicable, whether project activities or outcomes have become a routine part of the organization, if business(es) were created through the project, if project activities generated income and the amount generated; if additional funding was sought, and if any codes, ordinances, or regulations were developed through the project.

Partnerships

Provide the number of partnerships; including how many partners were new and how many existed prior to the project. You can demonstrate this through MOAs or even invite partners, volunteers or participants to attend the impact visit meeting and share their experiences in partnering with your organization.

PROGRAM-AREA SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

ANA has developed specific questions for some of the program areas, to better understand the patterns and trends prevalent in each. Some questions you may want to prepare for ahead of time include, as applicable:

Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Projects

- What is the main focus of the project?
- Use of other federal funding?
- Did the project result in increased capacity for the tribe to manage its physical resources and/or the environmental quality on tribal lands?

Native Language Projects

- Provide information on the current status of the language.
- How many youth (0-18 years) and adults (19+ years) increased their ability to speak the Native language as a result of the project?
- How many youth (0-18 years) and adults (19+ years) have achieved fluency as a result of the project?