

Sustainability

A decorative horizontal bar consisting of a white top layer and a bottom layer with a colorful, abstract pattern of vertical stripes in shades of blue, teal, yellow, and black.

Introduction and
Definitions



Sustainability is:

- Having the human, financial, technological and organizational resources to meet needs and attain results toward a mission/goal *on an ongoing basis.*

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Sustainability requires:

- The organizational/programmatic infrastructure to carry out core functions *independent of particular individuals or one-time opportunities.*

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Sustainable programs:

- Have objectives/targets/goals that extend beyond a single grant source or funding cycle.
- Can function independently of any one individual.

(As such, if someone retires, gets sick, or needs a break, or the grant doesn't get funded the program continues!!)



KEY:

**Even the most successful
and best programs require
constant attention and
maintenance!**