

# IDEC Toolkit:

## General Grant Glossary

### **Capacity**

The ability to implement projects and create change. Can include aspects like time available, staff levels, knowledge and training, past experience, funding levels, etc.

### **Evaluation**

Collection of relevant data and measurement of success.

### **Grantee**

The organization that is awarded grant funds.

### **Inputs**

Resources put into a project to make it work, ex. Funds, staff time, etc.  
Ex. Fuel for a car, air for the tires, time for the driver to drive the car.

### **Merit Review**

The process by which the IDEC grant applications are evaluated or graded.

### **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

Announcement of a grant opportunity, including all the project and eligibility requirements.

### **Outcomes**

Measurable changes brought about by the project.  
Ex. By driving 12 miles, the driver was able to visit the park and picnic with friends.

### **Outputs**

Activities implemented, services rendered, work done as a part of the project.  
Ex. The driver used the fuel and air and time to drive the car 12 miles

### **Qualitative Data**

Data that is interpretation-based, descriptive, narrative in nature.

### **Quantitative Data**

Data that can be precisely measured and expressed in numbers and percentages, objective, "Hard Data".

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