

Full Lives

Strengthening Grantee Capacity
to Support Local Food Systems

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Presentation Overview



- Overview and goals of Full Lives grant program model
- Full Lives capacity building structure and approach
- Early successes, challenges and learning lessons from Full Lives grant program model
- Q & A

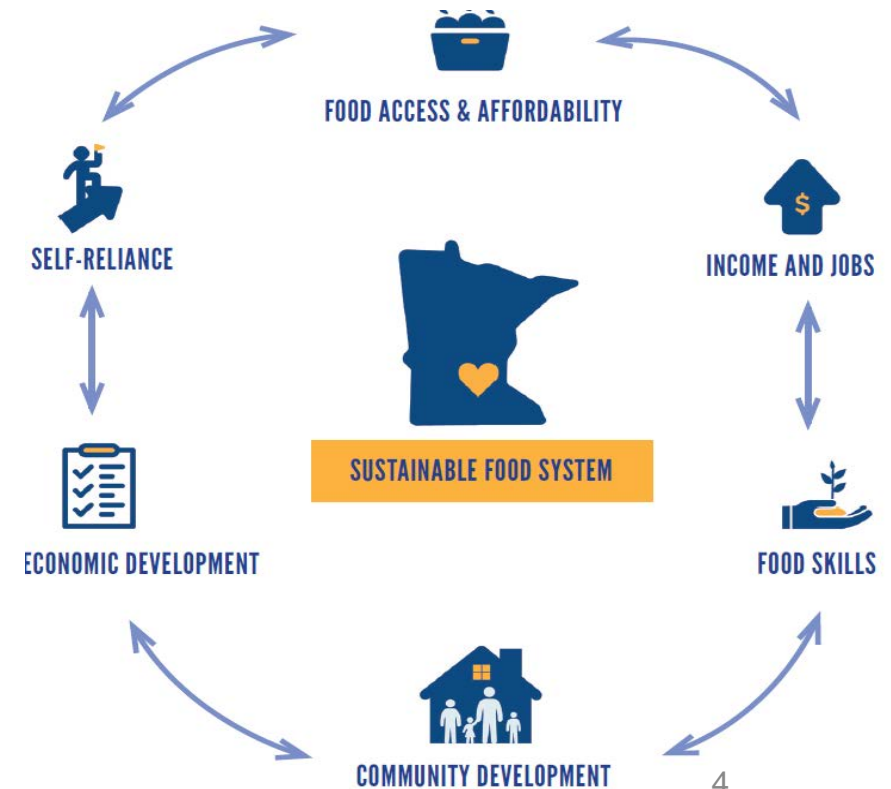
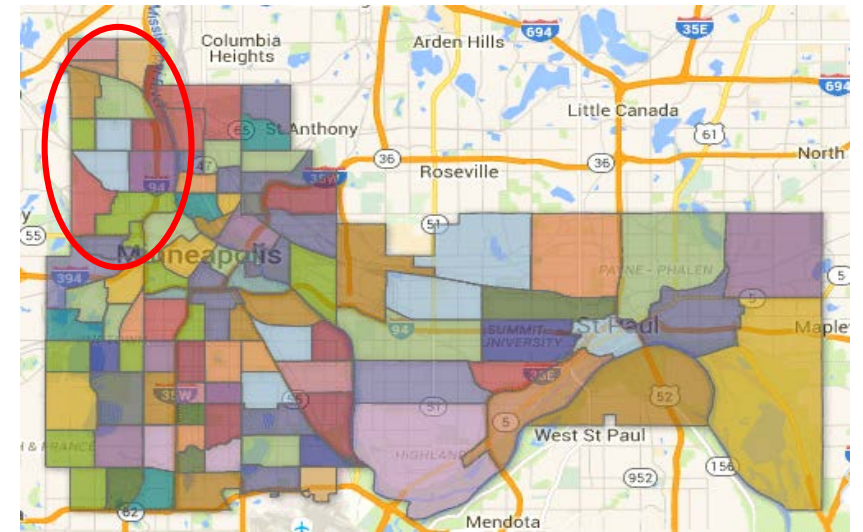


Full Lives Grant Program Vision

*A healthy, equitable and sustainable
community food system in North
Minneapolis where all residents can thrive.*

Full Lives Grant Program

- Long term community driven solutions to addressing food insecurity
- North Minneapolis geographic focus
- \$1.5 Million in grants
- Grantee cohort: 14 projects, 11 different organizations
- Two-year program (March 2017-March 2019)
- 6 Core Objectives



Special Innovation and
Partnership Grants

Organizational capacity
building development
grants

Training and technical
assistance

Semi-annual grantee
meetings

Measurement and
evaluation assistance

Community Based Grants

Grant Programming & Capacity
Building

Grant Program
Evaluation

STRATEGY

PROGRAM INVESTMENTS

CAPACITY BUILDING

SYSTEMS CHANGE

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

MISSION

Provide funding to organizations impacting community food systems in North Minneapolis

Provide general capacity building funding, coaching, and technical assistance

Provide evaluation focused capacity building supports, coaching, and technical assistance

Convene and connect grantees

Collect, synthesize, and amplify the experiences and needs of partners at system & policy level

Increased program infrastructure

Increased knowledge of program strengths, efficiencies, and areas of development

Improved articulation of program value, impact, opportunity, and purpose

Increased sharing of best and promising practices, learnings, and action

Sharing of resources and development of strong partnerships

Increased program capacity, quality, and sustainability

Increased coordination and alignment of energy, dollars, data, practices and policy

--- Increased program capacity, quality, sustainability and increased coordination and infrastructure will support these outcomes in the North Minneapolis food system. ---

Increased number individuals with foundational food skills

Increased amount of healthy food available

Increased ability to access and consume healthy food

Increased ability to purchase and consume healthy food

Increased strength of food infrastructure needed

Increased opportunities to increase income and gain job skills related to food systems.

A healthy, equitable, and sustainable community food system in North Minneapolis where all residents can thrive

Uniting caring people to build pathways out of poverty, thereby improving individuals' lives and the community.

VALUES: Inclusiveness, Integrity, Accountability, Innovation

Full Lives Capacity Building Structure and Approach

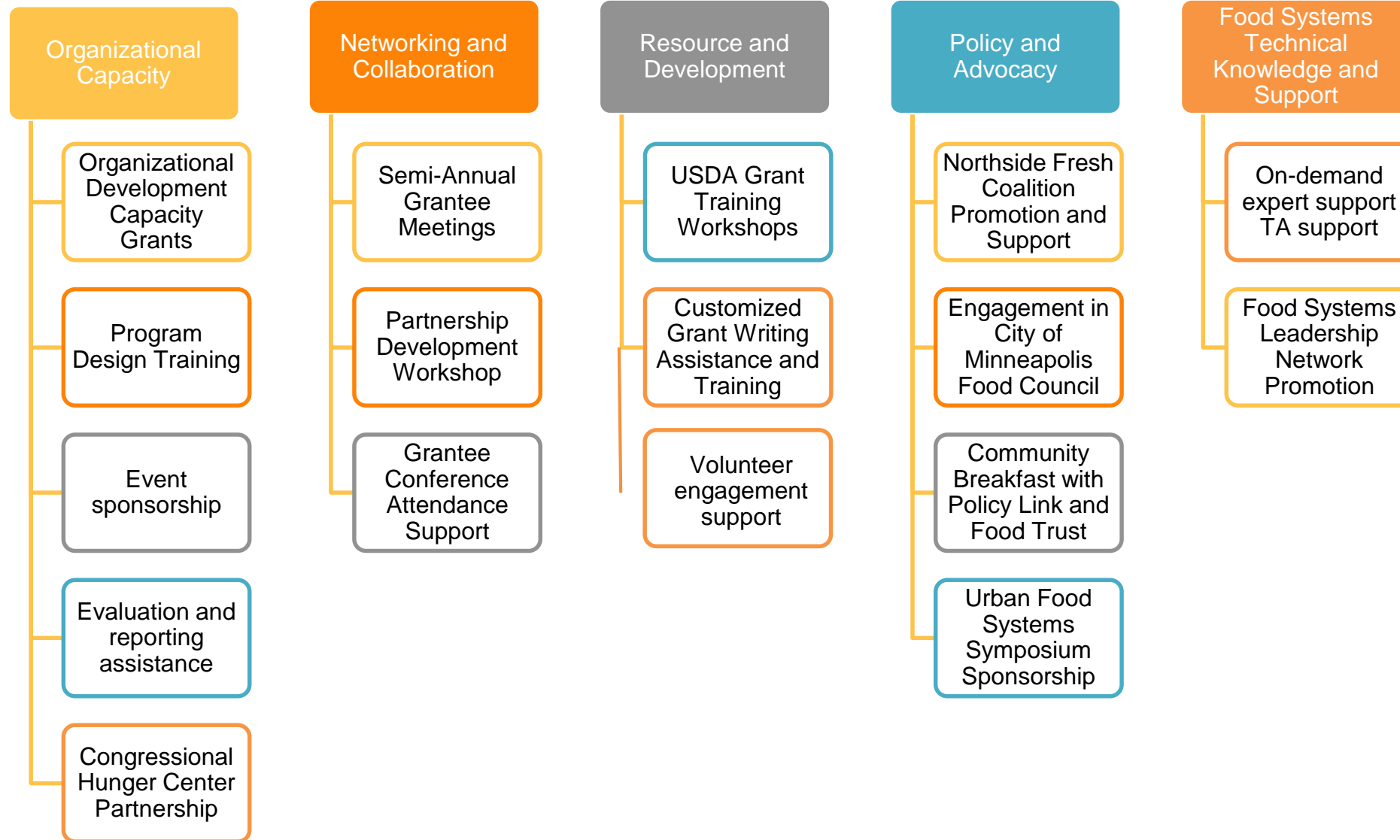




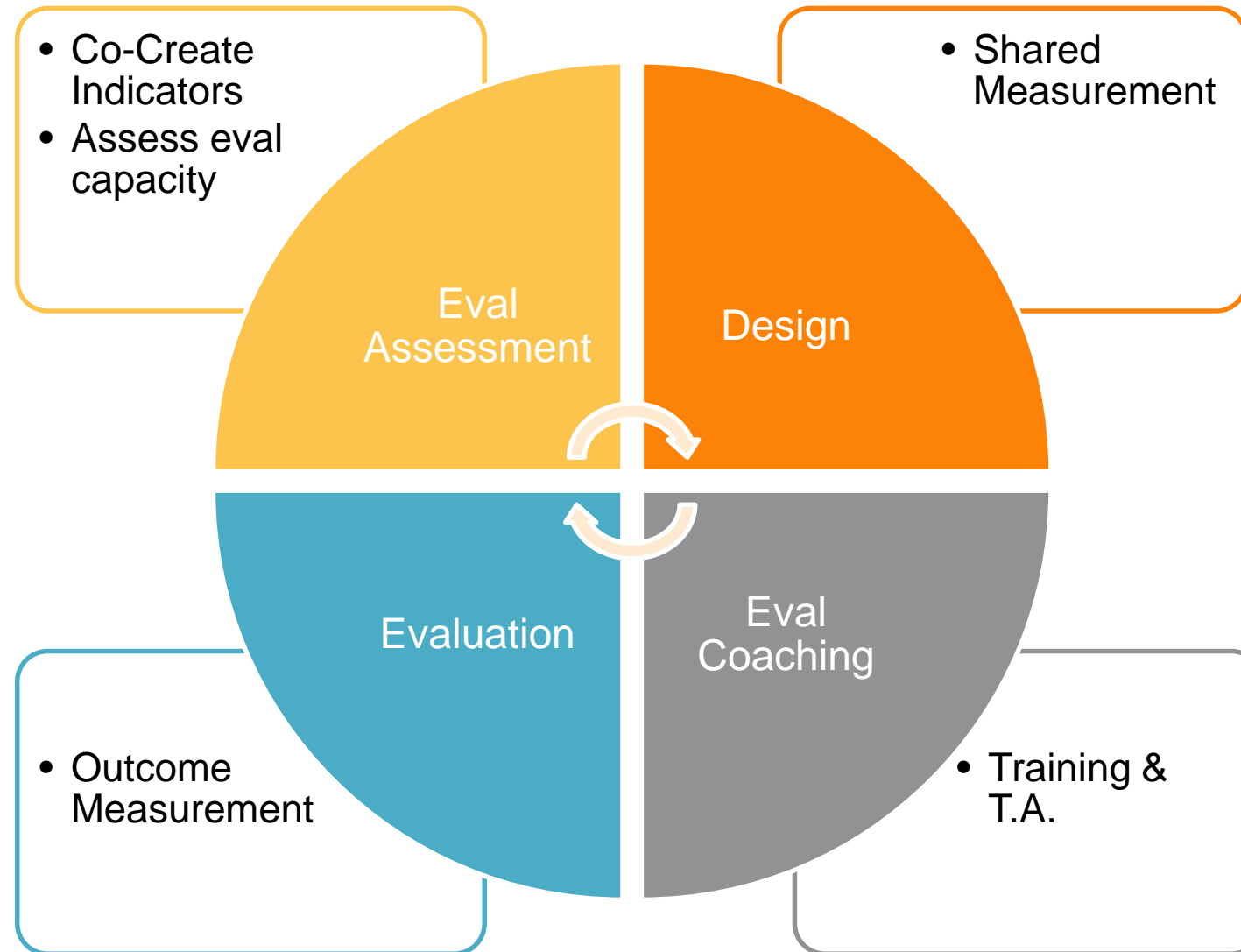
Capacity Building Approach

- Guiding principles
- Community development framework
- Design elements: generative, adaptive, peer to peer
- Multifaceted and multi-level

Full Lives Program Capacity Building Areas of Activity



Evaluation Capacity-Building Approach





**Early Successes,
Challenges and
Lessons Learned**

Successes



- Evaluation support and collective data system
- Increased collaboration and new partnerships
- Increased awareness of funding opportunities
- Increased program/organizational visibility



Challenges

- Rapid organizational growth
- Provider base, cultural and community competency and skill set
- Collaboration among organizations takes time, trust and investment
- You don't always know what you need to know, just because they want it doesn't mean they are ready for it



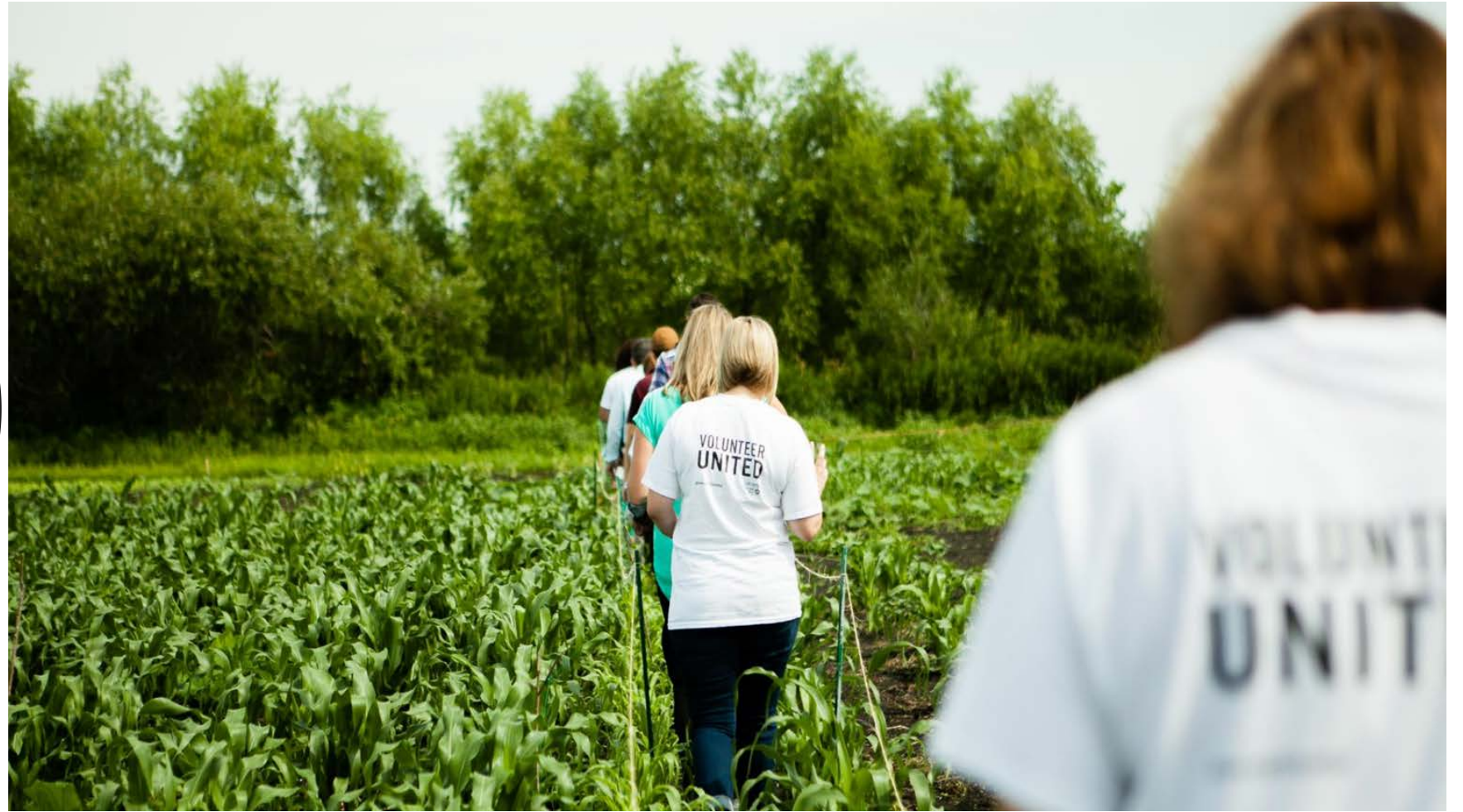


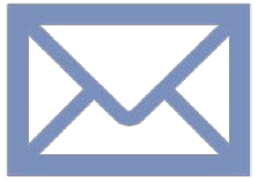
Lessons Learned

- Community development framework for designing capacity building can be a promising approach
- Capacity building requires effective deployment of resources, expertise and coordination
- Effective implementation requires trusting relationships between providers and users
- Capacity building in needs to be strategic, diverse and Responsive



Questions?





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