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Recognizing Possible Barriers



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Thinking of Your Destination: Be SMART

A Goal Is. . .

An observable and measurable outcome that you want to achieve within a specific period of time. Goals are focused on outcomes and/or impacts.



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Specific • What do you want to achieve? • Where will you focus your efforts? Measurable • How do you plan to measure progress toward the goal? • What is the end result and milestones along the way? • Do you have the resources to achieve the goal? • What factors might prevent achieving these goals? • What factors might prevent achieving these goals? • Is this important for your region? • Does this matter or bring benefit to the region? • When do you want to achieve your goal? • What is the target date for accomplishing the goal?

SMART Goal Example: an Ideal Example

Increase the survival rate of new business startups (less than 5-years-old) from 50% to 75% in the region by December 2018

*NOTE: A goal focuses on what changes or results you want to have happen as a result of the programs and strategies you are proposing to carry out.

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SMART Goal : An Ideal Example





Taken Together...



Do these goals:

- Build on existing assets in the region
- Take into account challenges that could limit progress
- Strengthen the region's competitive advantage
- Focus on a few relevant high priority areas
- Have buy-in from key stakeholders
- Honor public input
- Hold promise of building the region's economy
- Benefit the entire region



Next Steps

- Writing
 - Refine SMART goals based on feedback from today's session
 - Finalize the plan's evidence base for the goals selected
- View video ABCs of Planning
- Other items?



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