

Definitions of Viability, Stability, and Growth for NVC Program Review

State of Program	Definitions (Excerpts from Merriam-Webster Dictionary)	Operational Definition	Evidence
Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the ability to live, grow, and develop ○ the ability to function adequately ○ the ability to succeed or be sustained ○ feasibility 	Viability describes a program that is not thriving in its current state.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Declining demand ○ Supply exceeds demand ○ Weak alignment of internal offerings and external needs ○ Decreased or lack of efficiency ○ Low performance and completion
Stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the strength to stand or endure (firmness) ○ resistance to external factors or pressures ○ soundness ○ durability ○ reliability 	Stability describes a program that is consistently strong and currently thriving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistent, solid demand ○ Supply meets demand ○ Established alignment between internal offerings and external needs ○ Efficiency ○ Maintained or increasing performance and completion
Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the process of growing ○ progressive development (evolution) ○ expansion ○ improvement ○ refinement ○ enhancement 	Growth describes a program that is currently expanding to meet increased need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consistently increasing demand ○ Demand exceeds supply ○ Refinement or creation of alignment between internal offerings and anticipated external needs ○ Expanded/Consistent efficiency ○ performance and completion