



Creative Projects

GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



Project 1: Public Service Analysis

In this project, you will explore the field of government and public administration by analyzing public programs and services. You will examine how these services are designed, delivered, and evaluated to meet community needs. Using your research, you will assess effectiveness and identify trends in public service delivery.

Step 1: Review Public Programs/Services (4-5 hrs)

Review **5-8 public programs or services** (local, state, or national).

Record the following for each:

- Program/service name and level (local, state, federal)
- Purpose and target population
- Services provided
- Accessibility (eligibility, cost, availability)
- Measures of effectiveness (outcomes, usage, feedback)

Step 2: Organize Your Data

- Create a **comparison chart or table** (Excel or Google Sheets)
- Clearly display all programs/services and their details
- Group or sort in a meaningful way (by type, population served, or impact)

Step 3: Analyze Effectiveness

Identify patterns such as:

- Common goals and services
- Barriers to access
- Indicators of successful programs
- Differences across levels of government

Answer:

- What trends do you notice in public services?
- What makes a program effective?
- What challenges do governments face in serving the public?

Step 4: Make Recommendations

Based on your findings, answer:

- What should governments do to improve services and outcomes?

Provide 2-3 specific, realistic suggestions and explain them.

Examples might include:

- Increasing accessibility and outreach
- Improving efficiency or coordination between agencies
- Enhancing transparency and communication

Final Deliverables (2 Completed Projects)

2) Summary of Findings (Required)

1) Comparison Table (Required)

A clear chart or table showing your **5-8 products/services** and their details

Choose one format:

- 1-2 page written summary
OR
- 10-12 slide presentation

Your analysis must include:

- Overview of programs/services reviewed
- Key effectiveness trends
- Explanation of successful practices
- Your recommendations for improvement



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Project 2: Policy Proposal

In this project, you will take on the role of a public administrator or policymaker. You will propose an improvement to a public service or policy based on identified needs and data.

Step 1: Identify an Issue

Choose a public issue related to one of the programs/services you studied.

Define:

- The problem or gap
- Who is affected
- Why it matters

Step 2: Analyze Current Policy/Practice

Examine how the issue is currently addressed.

Take notes on:

- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Gaps in service

Step 3: Develop Your Proposal

Create a proposal that includes:

- Clear description of the proposed change
- How it would be implemented
- Expected outcomes and benefits

Step 4: Finalize Plan

Provide reasoning supported by your research:

- Why this solution is needed
- How it improves effectiveness or access
- Any potential challenges or trade-offs

Final Deliverables (2 Completed Projects) ★

1) Proposal (Required)

A written policy or program improvement proposal

2) Justification (Required)

A written policy or program improvement proposal

3) Extension Activities (Optional)

- Present your proposal in a mock council meeting
- Compare policies across different states or countries
- Conduct a community survey