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Why This Course

Effective financial management and strong grants administration are essential for the success of donor-funded projects. Organizations today face increasing pressure to ensure transparency, maintain compliance with donor requirements, manage financial risks, and demonstrate measurable impact through accurate reporting and accountability.

This intensive 1-week training course is designed to provide professionals with advanced knowledge and practical skills in financial management, grants administration, compliance, and auditing for donor-funded projects. Participants will gain a complete understanding of the grants management cycle, from proposal development and budgeting to financial reporting, donor audits, and post-audit improvement planning.

The course combines practical exercises, case studies, and real-world applications to help participants strengthen financial controls, improve grant performance, and manage donor expectations effectively.

What You'll Learn and Practice

By joining this program, you will:

- Master advanced budgeting and forecasting techniques for donor-funded projects.
- Develop practical expertise in grants management and donor compliance.
- Strengthen financial reporting and fund tracking capabilities.
- Apply effective internal controls and financial risk mitigation strategies.
- Prepare confidently for donor audits and audit reviews.
- Improve donor communication and multi-donor fund coordination.
- Enhance financial sustainability and accountability practices.
- Apply practical tools and frameworks used in successful donor-funded programs.

The Program Flow

Day 1: Advanced Financial Management

- Advanced budgeting methodologies for donor-funded projects.
- Multi-year financial forecasting and planning.
- Cost allocation and indirect cost management.
- Financial risk analysis and mitigation strategies.
- Advanced donor financial reporting techniques.
- Practical workshop on project budgeting and forecasting.



Day 2: Grants Management Fundamentals

- The complete grants management lifecycle.
- Grant proposal development and budget preparation.
- Understanding grant agreements and donor compliance requirements.
- Grant tracking systems and financial monitoring tools.
- Managing multiple grants and funding sources effectively.
- Workshop: Building effective grant management processes.

Day 3: Financial Controls and Compliance

- Designing internal control systems for donor-funded projects.
- Procurement procedures and contract management.
- Cost eligibility, allowability, and supporting documentation.
- Compliance monitoring and financial governance.
- Subrecipient monitoring and financial oversight.
- Case study: Managing compliance risks in donor-funded environments.

Day 4: Auditing for Donor-Funded Projects

- Preparing for donor audits and financial reviews.
- Audit documentation and evidence management.
- Common audit findings and corrective actions.
- Responding effectively to donor audit queries.
- Developing post-audit action plans and improvement measures.
- Practical simulation: Donor audit preparation exercise.

Day 5: Advanced Topics and Case Studies

- Managing multi-donor funded projects and reporting complexities.
- Financial sustainability planning for long-term project success.
- Donor relations and strategic communication practices.
- Best practices in project financial management.
- Integrated case studies and practical group exercises.
- Final workshop: Building a financial and grants management improvement roadmap.

Individual Impact

- Strengthen expertise in donor-funded financial management.
- Improve budgeting, reporting, and compliance capabilities.
- Build confidence in handling donor audits and financial reviews.
- Enhance decision-making in complex funding environments.
- Gain practical tools for managing grants more effectively.



Work Impact

- Improve organizational financial accountability and transparency.
- Strengthen compliance with donor regulations and reporting standards.
- Reduce financial risks and audit-related issues.
- Enhance the effectiveness of grants administration processes.
- Support sustainable management of donor-funded programs and projects.

Training Methodology

This program combines practical learning approaches with real-world application to maximize professional impact. Training methods include:

- Interactive lectures and facilitated discussions.
- Real-world donor-funded project case studies.
- Financial reporting and budgeting exercises.
- Audit preparation simulations and workshops.
- Group activities focused on compliance and risk management.
- Practical templates, tools, and implementation frameworks.

Beyond the Course

By the end of this training course, participants will be equipped to manage donor-funded projects with greater confidence, accountability, and efficiency. They will be able to strengthen financial systems, improve grants administration practices, maintain compliance with donor requirements, and contribute to the successful delivery of donor-funded initiatives.

