



Donor-Funded Project Finance and Grant Audit Course

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Overview

The Donor-Funded Project Finance and Grant Audit Course is a five-day advanced course for finance managers, grant accountants, project managers, program teams, internal auditors, and compliance officers who leave with a Donor-Funded Project Grant Financial Control Plan. The course connects donor-funded project finance, grant financial controls, eligible cost decisions, audit evidence, and grant closeout through an agreement-led operating model. Agile Leaders Training Center delivers this course on donor-funded project finance and grant audit.

Who Should Attend

- Finance functions responsible for budgets, cash forecasts, reconciliations, and financial reports
- Grant accounting functions responsible for cost eligibility, allocation, documentation, and disbursement records
- Project delivery functions responsible for work plans, commitments, procurement interfaces, and partner performance
- Internal audit functions responsible for control testing, evidence evaluation, and questioned-cost review
- Compliance functions responsible for agreement requirements, risk registers, and corrective actions

The course assumes participants manage financial or control activities for funded projects and leaves out external audit opinions, tax advice, and jurisdiction-specific legal interpretation.

Departments and Industries

The course supports financial control decisions across funded operations and service delivery.

- Finance, accounting, and treasury departments
- Project management and program delivery offices
- Internal audit, risk, and compliance functions
- Humanitarian, development, and nonprofit organizations
- Healthcare, education, infrastructure, and research institutions

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:



- Analyze grant agreements and map financial requirements
- Build controlled budgets, forecasts, and cost allocation methods
- Evaluate cost eligibility and transaction evidence
- Apply procurement, partner, and disbursement controls
- Use reconciliations and reporting controls for audit readiness
- Create a Donor-Funded Project Grant Financial Control Plan

Course Agenda

Day 1: Agreement and Financial Framework

- Grant Agreement Financial Requirement Map
- Donor Budget and Cost Category Structure
- Funding Source and Restricted Fund Control Matrix
- Roles Segregation and Financial Accountability Map
- Project Financial Risk and Control Register

Day 2: Budgeting Costs and Cash

- Activity-Based Grant Budget Model
- Allowable Eligible and Ineligible Cost Decision Tree
- Direct Indirect and Shared Cost Allocation Method
- Cash Forecast and Disbursement Schedule
- Budget Variance and Reallocation Control

Day 3: Transactions Procurement and Documentation

- Purchase-to-Payment Grant Control Workflow
- Procurement Threshold and Approval Matrix
- Supporting Document and Audit Trail Checklist
- Advance Liquidation and Expense Validation Register
- Partner and Subrecipient Financial Monitoring Plan

Day 4: Reporting Audit and Closeout

- Donor Financial Report Reconciliation Method
- Currency and Exchange Difference Control Log
- Audit Evidence and Sample Preparation Index
- Questioned Cost and Management Response Protocol
- Grant Closeout Asset Balance and Commitment Checklist



Day 5: Grant Finance Control Practice

- Suggested Exercise: Agreement and Budget Requirement Review
- Suggested Exercise: Cost Eligibility and Allocation Challenge
- Suggested Exercise: Transaction and Audit Trail Test
- Suggested Exercise: Reporting Audit and Closeout Simulation
- Capstone Exercise: Donor-Funded Project Grant Financial Control Plan

Practical Exercises

The course includes suggested activities for applying grant finance controls to project decisions.

- Suggested activity: map financial clauses from a grant agreement into owners, evidence, and control actions.
- Suggested activity: test cost eligibility, allocation, budget variance, and supporting documents for sample transactions.
- Suggested activity: reconcile a donor report and assemble an indexed audit evidence file.
- Suggested activity: present a Donor-Funded Project Grant Financial Control Plan covering implementation through closeout.

FAQs

Who suits the Donor-Funded Project Finance and Grant Audit Course?

Finance, grant accounting, project delivery, audit, and compliance professionals suit the course; it assumes responsibility for funded-project transactions, reports, controls, or assurance.

How does donor-funded project finance differ from general financial management training?

Donor-funded project finance begins with agreement-specific cost, budget, reporting, procurement, evidence, partner, and closeout requirements rather than only organization-wide accounting and finance practices.

How are eligible costs assessed in grant financial management?

Eligible costs are assessed against the governing agreement, approved budget, implementation purpose, applicable period, cost category, allocation method, authorization, accounting record, and supporting evidence.

What evidence supports grant audit readiness?

Grant audit readiness relies on reconciled ledgers and reports, approved budgets and changes, transaction support, procurement records, allocation calculations, partner records, control evidence, and an indexed audit trail.



What belongs in a donor-funded project grant financial control plan?

A grant financial control plan links agreement requirements, budgets, cost decisions, cash, procurement, partners, reporting, reconciliations, risks, audit evidence, corrective actions, owners, and closeout controls.

Conclusion

Participants leave with a Donor-Funded Project Grant Financial Control Plan connecting the agreement, budget, transactions, reporting, audit evidence, and closeout. The work product turns dispersed donor requirements into defined controls, owners, records, and review points. It supports consistent financial decisions and a traceable path from approved funding to final account closure.