

Grant Writing 105– *preparing winning grant proposals*

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WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY

1. What did you find most informative in this workshop?

- All the additional time and expenses that go into applying for a building grant before even applying. i.e. Architectural Plans, Architectural \$ - A lot!
- Hand Outs, Large Grants, Prep Work
- Can see why so many submittals are thrown out if average level of grant writer is 10th grade
- What the reviewers look at and how they score
- Everything
- The new grant terminology and opportunities
- How process works and grants that are available
- The little things make a lot of difference
- Liked it all
- All the different experiences
- Tips and tricks
- How to write a better grant proposal
- Hearing from reviewers and successful grant writers. Reviewing actual grant narratives
- Info about grants
- Learning how grants are made and the loop holes

2. What were your expectation of this class and were they met?

- Grant Sources, Hints and tips
- Yes
- To find out how to approach the process of grant writing. Yes, my expectations were met
- How best to write a winning narrative
- Information to assist me to write grants, was very good information
- Yes, was surprised this class was different than federal grant class. I liked the review part only seen one other time in grant classes
- How to apply for grants. Expectations met and exceeded
- Yes

- To learn about grant writing. Yes, very informative.
- To pick up tricks, yes
- To learn about what grant reviewers are looking for and how to improve our chances. Yes, it met my expectations.
- I expected to hear about grants available. The class far exceeded my expectations.
- Yes, the expectations were met. Getting info about grants
- My expectations were met and then some

3. Did you receive too much info, too little info, or about the right amount today?

- Too much, don't need to hear about how to retain volunteers (?)
- Maybe too much, probably make it two days
- Right amount for one day
- Perfect!
- Right Amount
- I think it was the right amount
- From a beginner stand point, just enough to accomplish what is needed. Also able to see the potential for future projects
- About the right amount
- All I could manage at this point – just right
- Almost too much on large grants
- About right amount
- Just right amount of time and material
- Right amount with tools to learn more
- Right amount
- Right amount

4. Would you recommend this grantwriting class to other firefighters?

- Yes, if it was shorter (1/2 day)
- Yes, so they can see how much goes into it
- Most of our firefighters would have no interest in grant writing because they are, for the most part, conservative republicans who do not want gov't \$ for everything.
- Yes, absolutely
- Yes
- Most Likely
- Absolutely
- Yes

- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Yes
- Absolutely
- Yes
- Yes

5. Do you have any suggestions for us for next time we teach this class?

- Who is Brian Ipsen? Don't assume people know the material; teach us though we know nothing. Don't ask, "Does anyone not know this?" No one wants to raise their hands.
- You did well
- It was good to hear about successful projects. Interaction of participants was excellent
- No, it was very well done – with class interaction and reviewer input – very helpful
- A handout listing grant sources
- Let me know when grant training is in the area
- Class was excellent
- No
- No, it was very nice, professional and informative
- There was so much info. This could be a two day class.
- It was all good, thanks
- Nothing Major – the class was useful and instructors were knowledgeable
- Hard to say. I would probably do this again
- No
- Not at this time

6. What topics would you like to see covered in future firefighter workshops?

- Assuming this was a grant writing class that focused on "proof reading" yet several of the slides had the wrong grammar
- Updated information on grants
- Brainstorm on a narrative, practice
- Regulations and Safety
- Coordinating with government agencies to secure funding, state, federal, tribes
- More on how to write smaller grants, more on the narratives and how to put them together
- It is a good program for firefighters
- HR
- Same topics

