

Best Practices in Public Sector Budgeting: A 5-Day Course

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The Program Flow

Day 1: Foundations of Public Sector Budgeting

- Overview of public sector budgeting principles.
- Understanding the role of budgets in public financial management.
- Legal and regulatory framework for government budgeting.
- Budget cycle and process.
- Key actors, responsibilities, approvals, and reporting requirements.
- Stakeholder analysis and engagement.
- Practical exercise: Mapping the public sector budget cycle and key stakeholders.

Day 2: Strategic Planning and Goal Setting

- Developing a clear vision and strategic objectives.
- Connecting public priorities with budget decisions.
- Aligning budgets with organizational goals.
- Long-term financial planning techniques.
- Prioritization and resource allocation strategies.
- Managing competing needs with limited resources.
- Workshop: Developing a strategic budgeting framework tailored to an organization.

Day 3: Performance-Based Budgeting

- Introduction to performance-based budgeting.
- Understanding the link between inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impact.
- Developing meaningful performance indicators.
- Linking budget allocations to outcomes.
- Implementing program evaluation techniques.
- Using performance data to support budget decisions.
- Practical exercise: Creating a performance measurement system for key programs.

Day 4: Budget Communication and Transparency

- Effective budget presentation techniques.
- Communicating budget priorities, assumptions, and trade-offs clearly.
- Enhancing budget transparency and accessibility.
- Leveraging technology for budget communication.
- Engaging citizens, leadership, departments, and oversight bodies.
- Addressing public concerns and feedback.
- Workshop: Designing an effective budget communication plan.

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Day 5: Overcoming Budgeting Challenges

- Managing budget constraints and trade-offs.
- Addressing unforeseen circumstances and fiscal risks.
- Scenario planning and contingency approaches in public budgeting.
- Improving coordination between planning, finance, and program teams.
- Implementing continuous improvement in budgeting processes.
- Case studies and best practice examples.
- Final activity: Formulating strategies to address specific budgeting challenges in your jurisdiction.

Individual Impact

- Strengthen your understanding of government budgeting principles and processes.
- Improve your ability to connect budgets with strategy, outcomes, and public value.
- Build practical skills in performance-based budgeting and program measurement.
- Enhance your budget communication and stakeholder engagement capabilities.
- Gain confidence in managing budget constraints, trade-offs, and fiscal risks.
- Develop practical tools that can be applied directly in public sector financial management.

Work Impact

- Improve the quality, transparency, and credibility of budgeting processes.
- Strengthen alignment between public priorities, strategic plans, and financial resources.
- Support better performance measurement and outcome-based decision-making.
- Improve stakeholder trust through clearer budget communication.
- Enhance accountability in the use of public funds.
- Build stronger budgeting practices that support efficiency, resilience, and continuous improvement.

Training Methodology

This program uses a practical and public sector-focused approach to help participants apply budgeting tools to real government financial management challenges. Learning methods include:

- Interactive discussions and guided facilitation.
- Public sector budgeting case studies.
- Budget cycle and stakeholder mapping exercises.
- Strategic planning and resource allocation workshops.
- Performance-based budgeting and indicator development activities.
- Budget communication and presentation practice.
- Fiscal risk and scenario planning exercises.
- Group work, peer feedback, and practical action planning.

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Beyond the Course

Upon completion, participants will be prepared to improve government budgeting practices with greater clarity, structure, and confidence. They will return ready to:

- Develop a strategic budgeting framework tailored to their organization.
- Create a performance measurement system for key programs.
- Design an effective budget communication plan.
- Address specific budgeting challenges in their jurisdiction.
- Strengthen transparency, accountability, and stakeholder engagement.
- Support better public sector financial management and more effective service delivery.

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