

Small Business Support Programs Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Community Development	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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This training emphasizes hands-on application through case studies, interactive workshops, and scenario-based learning, fostering the development of essential skills such as financial planning, program compliance, stakeholder engagement, and resource optimization. By the end of the course, participants will possess actionable strategies to maximize support programs, leverage funding opportunities, and contribute to organizational growth. The course targets a wide range of professionals seeking to enhance their expertise in small business development, support services, and entrepreneurial success, with a strong focus on practical outcomes, policy navigation, and sustainable business practices.

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Course Objectives

1. Understand key small business support programs and funding opportunities.
2. Learn effective strategies for program eligibility and compliance.
3. Develop skills for crafting successful grant and loan applications.
4. Master techniques for business planning and financial management.
5. Gain insights into government incentives and policy frameworks.
6. Enhance stakeholder engagement and community partnership skills.
7. Understand digital tools for managing and monitoring support programs.
8. Apply risk management strategies in small business operations.
9. Explore marketing strategies to maximize program benefits.
10. Learn to measure and evaluate the impact of support programs.
11. Gain knowledge on regulatory and legal considerations for small businesses.
12. Develop capabilities for resource allocation and optimization.
13. Strengthen decision-making skills through real-world case studies.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved efficiency in leveraging support programs
- Increased access to funding and grants
- Enhanced compliance with government regulations
- Stronger community engagement and networking
- Improved program management and monitoring
- Reduced business risks and enhanced sustainability
- Enhanced strategic decision-making capabilities
- Optimized resource allocation and utilization
- Better financial management practices
- Strengthened competitive advantage and growth potential

Target Audiences

1. Small business owners and entrepreneurs
2. Business development managers
3. Nonprofit organizations supporting SMEs
4. Government officials in business development agencies
5. Financial consultants and advisors

6. Program coordinators in support organizations
7. Startup incubators and accelerators staff
8. Economic development professionals

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Small Business Support Programs

- Overview of local and international support programs
- Key eligibility criteria and compliance requirements
- Importance of small business support in economic growth
- Digital tools for program management
- Case study: Successful small business leveraging government programs
- Practical exercise: Mapping available support programs

Module 2: Funding Opportunities and Grant Applications

- Types of funding: grants, loans, and incentives
- Preparing a compelling grant application
- Financial planning to meet program requirements
- Identifying potential funding sources
- Case study: SME obtaining a government grant
- Practical exercise: Drafting a mock grant proposal

Module 3: Government Incentives and Policies

- Overview of tax incentives and subsidies
- Understanding regulatory compliance
- Navigating policy frameworks for SMEs
- Utilizing incentives for growth and innovation
- Case study: Tax incentive application success
- Workshop: Policy compliance checklist

Module 4: Financial Management and Planning

- Budgeting for program utilization
- Cash flow management techniques
- Risk assessment and mitigation
- Investment strategies for small businesses
- Case study: Financial turnaround using support programs
- Exercise: Financial plan simulation

Module 5: Stakeholder Engagement and Networking

- Building partnerships for program success
- Community engagement strategies
- Effective communication and reporting
- Leveraging networks for funding opportunities
- Case study: SME collaboration with local authorities
- Activity: Stakeholder mapping

Module 6: Digital Tools for Support Programs

- Program management software and applications
- Data tracking and reporting methods
- Digital marketing for program awareness
- Using analytics for decision-making
- Case study: Successful digital program management
- Workshop: Hands-on software simulation

Module 7: Risk Management and Sustainability

- Identifying potential risks in program utilization
- Developing mitigation strategies
- Sustainability planning for long-term growth
- Crisis management and contingency planning
- Case study: SME overcoming operational risks
- Exercise: Risk assessment matrix

Module 8: Evaluation and Impact Measurement

- Defining key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Program monitoring and evaluation techniques
- Reporting outcomes to stakeholders
- Continuous improvement strategies
- Case study: Measuring impact of support programs
- Workshop: Designing evaluation framework

Training Methodology

- Interactive workshops for skill development
- Case study analysis for real-world application
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions
- Hands-on exercises and simulations
- Expert-led presentations and Q&A sessions
- Practical assignments for individual assessment

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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