

Financial Essentials for Nonprofit Managers

Chapter 1:

What Every Nonprofit Manager Should Know About Accounting and Finance

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize financing options available to nonprofit organizations.
2. Identify different cost types and classification for the nonprofit organization.
3. Recognize costs that are relevant to nonprofit decision making.

Chapter 2:

Accounting Basics for Nonprofits

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the use of accrual vs. cash basis accounting.
2. Identify the processes of budget recording and accountability.
3. Recognize GASB rules for nonprofit financial statements.
4. Identify examples of accounting by specific nonprofit organizations.

Chapter 3:

Cost-Volume-Revenue Analysis: Are We Breaking Even?

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Identify the concepts answered by Cost-Volume-Revenue (CVR) analysis.
2. Differentiate among the methods to analyze financial statements.
3. Recognize components of the break-even analysis.

Chapter 4:

Financial Analysis And Metrics: Avoiding Bankruptcy

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize different examples of trend analysis.
2. Identify objectives in analyzing the statement of activities and different performance measures.

Chapter 5:

Forecasting: Revenues, Costs, and Cash Flows

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Identify different examples of qualitative and quantitative forecasting methodology.
2. Recognize the various elements used for exponential smoothing and regression analysis.

Chapter 6:

The Budgeting Process: Device for Planning and Control

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Identify between the various types of budgets.
2. Recognize characteristics of different budgets and how to measure their effectiveness.

Chapter 7:

Zero Base Budgeting and Program Budgeting

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the elements and characteristics of Zero Base Budgeting (ZBB).
2. Identify the characteristics and the time considerations of program budgeting process.

Chapter 8:

Cost Behavior, Cost Control, and Flexible Budgeting

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Identify how cost behavior and variance analysis can assist with the budgeting process.
2. Calculate different costs and variances for the budgeting process.

Chapter 9:

Enhancing Managerial and Departmental Performance

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize use of mission centers and service centers for nonprofit organizations.
2. Identify the role of the contribution approach to cost allocation for measuring performance of responsibility centers.
3. Recognize how cost allocations can affect performance metrics for managerial control

Chapter 10:

Obtaining Funds: Short-Term and Long-Term Financing

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Calculate costs associated with different sources financing.
2. Estimate future NPO budgets based on past donations.
3. Differentiate between fixed, variable and semi-variable costs.
4. Calculate the cost of long-term debt financing.

Chapter 11:

Managing Working Capital and Investing Surplus Funds

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Identify examples of the various cash models available.
2. Recognize costs that impact working capital.
3. Differentiate between investment objectives.
4. Identify different financial instruments available for investing surplus funds

Chapter 12:

Cost Management and Pricing Decisions

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize the purpose for allocating service center costs to mission centers.
2. Differentiate among cost allocation techniques using the direct method, step-down (two-stage) method, and reciprocal method.
3. Identify the benefits of activity-based costing (ABC) and some factors that can be used in ABC.

Chapter 13:

Analysis for Short-Term and Capital Expenditure Decisions and Financial Modeling

Learning Objectives

After studying this chapter, you will be able to:

1. Recognize components of the make or buy decision.
2. Compute the present values and pay-back periods in a make or buy decision.
3. Identify different types of investment instruments and financial models.