

Assignment Three Homework

Online Learning

OL 342 Project Architecture: Planning for Impact.

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Assignment Three: The Detailed Budget

Getting Started

For this assignment I have prepared an example budget for all four of my project's outputs. For your homework, you only need to do one of your outputs.

Part 1.

Cutting and pasting sub-goals, the outputs, and the activities into an Excel spreadsheet

Go to Download Class Documents and download the Assignment Three Student Budget Template to Fill In. It's an Excel spreadsheet. Open up your log frame from Assignment Two; it's a Word document.

Copy-and-paste from the Word document into the Excel document your sub-goals, outputs, and activities right over the top of mine.

Careful!

Work freely in columns A through E; there are no hidden formulas here. Columns F, G and H have simple formulas that will total your results. You don't need to touch these for the purposes of this assignment. If you aren't familiar with Excel, I would leave them alone.

Part 2.

Expanding upon the activities into discrete sub-activities.

You'll notice that under each of my activities I've added in sub-activities that need to be performed by different people, things that need to be purchased, and overhead expenses. Modify these line items to meet your needs.

Part 3.

Assigning costs to each of the discrete sub-activities.

Under the unit column you can determine if the sub activity should be expressed in terms of monthly salary or perhaps as a unit or an object that needs to be purchased.

Under the quantity column you can select how many months of salary will be required or how many objects you're planning to purchase.

Under the unit price insert your local cost for the items. Please not the currency you are using here so I can follow what you are doing. You may be using \$US or Kenyan Shillings—just let me know.

In the download Excel spreadsheet, I have included the formulas that will multiply and add these figures together; you may need to modify the formulas for your needs. If you mess up the formulas accidentally, you may need to get your bookkeeper to repair them before you email me your homework.

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There will be many line items and cost categories that will be the same from activity to activity and you can simply cut and paste them throughout your spreadsheet.

Some donors may want your organization to share in the cost of the project. Therefore two columns are provided: one for the donor and one for your organization. In this week's example, CSDi is providing a 33% cost sharing. You can choose which column is your and which column is the donors in order to get your % cost sharing; ask your bookkeeper for help.

Additional General Budget Design Information:

You'll notice at the bottom of column A that I have assigned numeric representations (1, 2, 3...) to different categories and placed these numbers in column A next to the line items that match that category (ex.: 5 = Travel Expenses). I then copied sheet 1 (Detailed Budget) to Sheet 2 (Budget by Category) and data sorted the spreadsheet by column A. You can get your bookkeeper to help you with this.

This can be very useful in seeing the totals of Office Expenses or Travel. It is also useful in seeing how many months of time you allocated to Field Staff for instance. For example, if you have a 12 month project, and in this sort process you can add up the number of months for field staff and find that you have only included 9 months staff time, you may have to go back to the budget and add in more months. Or if you have 15 months of staff time, you may need to go back to the budget and reduce staff time within the individual activities.

Conclusion:

As you begin to add categories and costs you will be able to see how much your project is going to cost. This exercise may show you that your project is getting too expensive and you may need to re-think some parts of your project.

The homework to turn in will:

1. A detailed budget of one of your outputs

Go to OL 342 Assignment Three Student Budget Template to Fill In to see what this could look like.

See you next week.

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