Municipal Finance Risk and Credit Assessment Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Risk Management	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Master the latest Municipal Credit Rating Methodology and agency criteria.
2. Analyze the drivers of Subnational Fiscal Risk Management and vulnerability.
3. Evaluate municipal Financial Health Diagnostics using key performance indicators.
4. Develop robust Cash Flow Forecasting and liquidity management strategies.
5. Assess and manage Contingent Liabilities and fiscal exposure.
6. Apply best practices in Public Debt Sustainability Analysis and restructuring.
7. Identify opportunities for Own-Source Revenue Enhancement and optimization.
8. Understand the process for Accessing Subnational Capital Markets and bond issuance.
9. Implement Data-Driven Decision-Making for budget efficiency and resource allocation.
10. Analyze the financial Risk of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in municipal projects.
11. Enhance Fiscal Transparency and accountability in municipal reporting.
12. Integrate Climate-Resilient Public Finance and green bond principles.
13. Utilize Financial Modeling Techniques for long-term fiscal planning and stress-testing.

Target Audience

1. Municipal Finance Directors/Managers
2. Local Government Treasurers and Budget Officers
3. Credit Analysts and Risk Managers at Financial Institutions
4. Public Sector Accountants and Auditors
5. Officials from Central/State Ministry of Finance involved in subnational oversight
6. Infrastructure Project Managers and PPP Specialists
7. Development Bank and Multilateral Agency Staff
8. Credit Rating Agency Analysts focusing on subnational entities

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundational Concepts in Municipal Finance and Risk

- Understanding the unique fiscal structure of local governments and their financial mandates.
- Distinguishing between sovereign, subnational, and corporate credit risk.
- Overview of Key Performance Indicators for municipal financial analysis.
- Sources of municipal revenue.
- Case Study: Analysis of a city's reliance on fluctuating intergovernmental grants and its impact on fiscal stability.
- Introduction to the Municipal Credit Cycle and the role of stakeholders.

Module 2: Credit Rating Agency Methodology and Criteria

- Deconstructing the Rating Scale and the key factors driving municipal ratings
- Evaluation of Institutional Frameworks
- Assessment of Economic Fundamentals
- Analysis of Debt Profile and debt-related covenants and restrictions.
- Case Study: Comparing the credit assessment of two similar-sized cities with different institutional governance structures and rating outcomes.
- Peer-Group Analysis and comparative credit strength.

Module 3: Financial Health and Performance Diagnostics

- In-depth analysis of municipal Financial Statements
- Techniques for Fiscal Stress-Testing against macroeconomic shocks
- Detailed review of the Operating Performance and its sustainability
- Measuring and interpreting Liquidity Risk and cash management efficiency.
- Case Study: Diagnosing a municipality facing a cash crisis by reviewing historical revenue volatility and budget overruns.
- Analysis of Capital Expenditure planning and funding gaps.

Module 4: Debt and Liability Management Strategies

- Principles of Public Debt Sustainability Analysis for subnational entities.
- Managing Foreign Currency Risk and Interest Rate Risk in municipal borrowing.
- Structuring and pricing municipal bonds and alternative financing instruments.
- The identification, valuation, and disclosure of Contingent Liabilities
- Case Study: Evaluating the financial implications of a municipal utility's unfunded pension liability and potential risk mitigation strategies.
- Developing a comprehensive Debt Policy and risk limits.

Module 5: Own-Source Revenue and Financial Resilience

- Strategies for effective Property Tax Administration and valuation updates.
- Identifying and optimizing Non-Tax Revenue streams
- Using Revenue Forecasting Models for more accurate budget projections.
- The connection between Service Delivery Efficiency and financial performance.
- Case Study: A municipality’s successful program for implementing a modern land information system to boost property tax collection.
- Fiscal Incentives and their role in economic development and revenue generation.

Module 6: Project Finance and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

- Fundamentals of Project Finance structuring for municipal infrastructure.
- Assessing and allocating Risk in PPPs
- Analyzing the Value for Money and Fiscal Impact of municipal PPPs.
- The role of municipal guarantees and subsidies in supporting project viability.
- Case Study: Evaluating the credit risk and long-term financial commitment of a municipal toll road project structured as a PPP.
- Developing Contractual Safeguards and monitoring frameworks for PPPs.

Module 7: Capital Market Access and Urban Resilience

- The mechanics of a Municipal Bond Issuance
- Requirements for attracting Impact Investors and issuing Green or Social Bonds.
- Integrating Environmental, Social, and Governance factors into municipal finance decisions.
- Mobilizing Climate Finance for sustainable urban development projects.
- Case Study: A city's experience in issuing its first climate-resilience bond to fund flood control infrastructure.
- The importance of Investor Relations and transparent disclosure for repeat access.

Module 8: Digital Tools and Future Trends

- Utilizing Financial Modeling Software for scenario analysis.
- Leveraging Data Analytics and Business Intelligence for monitoring fiscal health in real-time.
- The role of Blockchain Technology and Digital Currencies in municipal finance
- Strategies for strengthening Cyber-Security and data integrity in finance systems.
- Case Study: Implementing an automated early-warning system based on digital fiscal monitoring to flag credit deterioration.
- Addressing the financial challenges of Smart City initiatives.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

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

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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
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	$1,500

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