Writing Winning Grant Proposals workshop offered in Belfast

Belfast. Have you been looking for a training that would give you the nuts, bolts and skills in how to write grant proposals that have a good chance of getting funded? Then consider the UMaine Hutchinson Center’s two-day workshop, “Writing Winning Grant Proposals: Nuts, Bolts and Assembly” taught by Dr. Frank Burtnett being held on Monday and Tuesday, August 12th and 13th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm each day in Belfast.

This two-day workshop will address the structure and philosophy behind sound grant proposals and tips for winning and managing grants. There is also a “hands-on” dimension where workshop participants will experiment with creating their own grant proposals. Participants will be guided through the grant proposal writing process and have a draft grant application upon completion of the workshop.

Participants will learn about tapping sources of financial support in the various grant-making sectors, as well as the detailed elements of an effective grant proposal. Each participant will spend a significant portion of his or her workshop time engaged in the construction of an actual proposal---one he or she might eventually submit to a funding agent for support. In addition to the classroom component, participants will receive individual and personalized one-on-one attention during the grant-writing phase of the program.

Who Should Attend? Individuals who are engaged in public or community service programs that are eligible for foundation, corporate giving and government agency
support are encouraged to participate. Past workshop participants have come from community health centers, libraries, museums, teen centers, membership organizations, schools, churches and other organizations.

**About the Facilitator.** Dr. Frank Burtnett, veteran educator and nonprofit organization executive, will once again teach the grantwriting workshop. He has more than twenty-five years of direct service in various nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and community agencies. Frank has taught multiple subjects in the UMaine – Hutchinson Center nonprofit certificate program since its inception in 2003 and assisted in the direction of that program. He is the author of numerous successful grant proposals and has assisted dozens of organizations learn how grant-making is done and how to prepare grant proposals. He has also been a proposal reviewer and evaluator for agencies, organization and related grant makers.

**Here is how to register for the program:** The cost of the two-day workshop is $255, which includes breakfast, lunch and all workshop materials. For a free copy of the brochure or to register contact Nancy Boyington at 338-8002 or nancyb@maine.edu or visit the Hutchinson Center website for a copy of the brochure at:

http://www.hutchinsoncenter.umaine.edu/index.php/community/nonprofit-organization-mgmt

**Comments from Workshop Participants.** “For someone new to the non-profit community, the class was very valuable. I appreciated the mixture of lecture and writing time.” Other comments follow: “Frank’s personality made the experience a good one---mix of teaching, anecdotes, humor made of varied experiences in non-profit/grant making world added immeasurably to the experience.”

“This workshop was very helpful. It answered questions and created new ones. I guess that’s what learning is all about.”

“Thank you so much. I’ve taken grant writing workshops before...but I got the most by far from this one.”

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