

Financial Planning for Municipal Utilities

Course Length: 8 Hours

This high-level financial planning course is designed to teach techniques that evaluate the financial health of the utility. The course instructor will cover financial planning techniques, the amount of minimum cash reserves the utility should maintain, debt coverage ratios, bond rating process and alternative electric line extension policies. Upon completion of the course, participants will know how to evaluate the financial health of their utility.

Course Highlights

- Learn about alternative methods used to determine the necessary amount of revenue to recover from customers
- Develop financial targets that are critical to ensuring the long-term financial health of the organization
- Compare financial targets for city general operations versus utility operations
- Discuss and identify types of contributions most utilities make to their city's general fund
- Discover the purpose of special rate types (economic development, interruptible rates, marginal cost pricing, production cost adder (PCA)) in a rate program
- Learn how to evaluate the long-term financial plan of the utility
- Examine policies for cash reserves and line extensions