

Detecting and Preventing Federal Grant Fraud Course

Learn to spot red flags, test controls, and implement practical prevention/detection steps to protect federal grant funds. Designed for professionals who manage, oversee, or support federal assistance programs.

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Course Outline

Module 1: Federal Financial Assistance—Fraud Risks and Context

- Recognize fraud risk factors across recipients and subrecipients.
- Separate waste/abuse from fraudulent acts and red flags.
- Frame oversight priorities using risk indicators.

Module 2: Importance of Internal Controls for Fraud Prevention

- Map controls to common fraud schemes and vulnerabilities.
- Strengthen segregation of duties and system safeguards.
- Link monitoring results to control improvements.

Module 3: Detecting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

- Identify transactional anomalies and documentation gaps.
- Use data, sampling, and site reviews to detect issues.
- Escalate concerns and coordinate with oversight bodies.

Module 4: Case Studies, Testing, and Action Plans

- Evaluate internal controls for vulnerabilities in scenarios.
- Draft prevention/detection action items with owners and timelines.
- Capture lessons learned to reduce future risk.