What is a Grant Abstract?

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**Introduction**

The grant Abstract is one of the most important parts of a grant writing process. It summarizes what one intends to do, what was done prior to the proposal, how one is going to do the work and the reason why the work is so important. A broad, long-term objectives and specific goal that is relevant to the mission of the agency is very important when writing a grant abstract. It is very imperative to state the project summary that reflects the key focus of the projects on the way for proper classification and categorization of the project. In addition, Grant Abstract is where the description of the research designs and methods that will be utilized to achieve the goals in the project done.

**What Is A Grant Abstract?**

According to Elaine Riot in her article “How to Write an Abstract for a Grant Proposal,” she describes grant abstract as a briefsummary of a project a vital part of a fund application thattypicallyappears at the front of a grant application. An abstract gives funding agency personnel and assessors an insight of the scope of the work, and describes every maincharacteristicand feature of a proposal ina concise manner,apart from for the financial aspect of the grant.The article makes a statement that the National Institute of Health (NIH) report makes it vivid that some personnel like the “Study Section Members” rely solely on the abstract to understand a grant proposal and make valuable decisions towards the proposal. In addition, the article did make a suggestion of rereading a report and outlining the main point of the project before writing a grant abstract. It also makes a suggestion of writing a rough draft of a grant and revising it according to the Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) advice in order to make the necessary corrections or clarifications, delete unnecessary information, include important details, and utilize the right format.

It is a good and reasonable idea to include the following in a Grant writing project abstract:The Business, The need, the target population, the project overviewtheoutcomes **(**What one expects to achieve and how one will measure success), and the **request** (the exact amount of the project proposal).

The article “The Elements of a Good Proposal Abstract,” by Matteo Turchetto explains various components of a grant abstract (Matteo Turchetto - www.italiasw.com, n.d.). The author says that it is somehow tempting to write an abstract before a grant proposal; however, it is wiser to save it until after writing a proposal because it allows the inclusion of any excerpt from one’s personal text in order to go well with a shorter format. Furthermore, the article suggests that it is better to write the abstract in an easier format by utilizing an active voice, bold bulleted or numbered list, as this is a way that can allow for an easier reading and understanding of a grant abstract. The author explains that a good abstract has a way of bringing a rethink to a project and gives funders a better understanding of the objective(s) of that project.

According to Michelle Hansen (2014) in the article “The Importance of an Abstract in Grant Applications,” there is a necessity for an abstract to be able to lean on overall impacts and outcomes rather than the processes or activities(Hansen, n.d.). Although an abstract is typically a page long and it must adhere to the right objective. An outstanding abstract must address the questions of how the project can attain the right result, what exact goalsand objectives will the project attain,how one will go about in executing the work, and how the project can stand out from other similar projects. Therefore, it is very imperative to utilize a high –level summary of numbers and innovative strategy to enumerate or measure results and effectiveness.After the completion of a grant abstract for a project, it is very vital to give it to educative individuals for review and feedback. This will give room to good constructive criticism that will bring out the desired outcome that will therefore strengthen the overall package of the grant project.

**Summary**

In conclusion, the above articles summarize the concept of grant writing abstract in details. The article alsoexpoundson the effectiveness of the abstract in grant writing. The principles give a vivid picture and provide guidelines on how to come up with a winning grant abstract. Conclusively, a grant-writing project must have an emphasis towards the common advantages and benefits that it will give to the community and the organization at large.

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