

Welcome to firstFMS Academy - Helping Grantmakers Move Beyond Spreadsheets



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Academy

Introduction

firstFMS Academy is a free educational resource created to help grantmakers modernize their grant management practices through practical education, community learning, and an affordable Foundation Management System built on monday.com.

Whether you're managing grants with spreadsheets today or evaluating your next grant management platform, firstFMS Academy is designed to help you make informed decisions with confidence.

Mission Statement

Our mission is simple:

Education Before Technology

We believe organizations should understand modern grant management before selecting software.

Technology should support great grantmaking—not define it.

Explore firstFMS

Learn about the firstFMS platform, why it was built, and how it helps organizations move beyond spreadsheets.

Join Open Office Hours

Participate in community discussions, ask questions, and learn alongside other grantmakers.

Academy Library

Browse articles, videos, guides, newsletters, and implementation resources.

Featured Article

Why Grantmakers Outgrow Spreadsheets

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Display the most recent firstFMS Academy LinkedIn Newsletter.

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The newsletter serves as the Academy's primary publishing channel.

Featured Video

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Welcome to the Academy Community

Welcome to the Academy Community—your central hub for training, resources, policies, and best practices.

Whether you're a new team member getting started or an experienced employee looking for guidance, you'll find the information you need here.

Use the navigation below to explore training materials, company resources, and department documentation.

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About firstFMS Academy

firstFMS Academy exists to democratize Foundation Management Systems by making practical grant management education accessible to organizations of every size.

Our goal is to help grantmakers spend less time managing technology and more time creating impact.

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