Allowable Cost and Unallowable Cost

A
- Advertising - only for the recruitment of personnel required for the project and purchasing
- Air conditioning - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Alcoholic Beverages - unallowable
- Alterations, Non-Construction - must be budgeted or approved
- Animals

B
- Bad Debts - unallowable
- Bonding
- Bonus Payments - allowable if part of compensation
- Books

C
- Civil Defense - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Commencement and Convocation - these are student costs and are unallowable
- Communication Costs
- Computer Costs
- Conferences
- Construction - unallowable unless authorized by awarding agency
- Consultant Services - allowable, some agencies require approval
- Contingent Reserves - unallowable except self-insurance
- Custom and Import Duty

D
- Depreciation - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Donors
- Drugs
- Dues

E
- Entertainment - unallowable
- Equipment - usually must be budgeted or approved in advance
- Equipment Maintenance and Repair
- Equipment Rental
F

- Fines and Penalties - unallowable
- Fringe Benefits
- Fund Raising Costs - unallowable

G

- Goods or Services for Personal Use - unallowable

H

- Human Subjects

I

- Insurance - allowed only to the extent required or approved
- Interest - usually unallowable
- Investment Management Costs - unallowable

L

- Labor Relations - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Legal Costs
- Library Costs - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Licenses & Permits Losses - unallowable

M

- Maintenance
- Materials
- Meals - allowable for subjects and participants or employees during travel
- Memberships - allowable only for business, technical and professional organizations
- Moving Costs

N

- New Releases - allowable with approval

O

- Overtime - allowable, but requires institutional approval
Patient Costs
- Plant Security Costs - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Periodicals
- Postage
- Pre-Award Costs - unallowable, except for grants under Federal Demonstration Project grants and cooperative agreements from certain federal agencies with institutional approval
- Proposal Costs - included in Facilities & Administrative costs (indirect costs)
- Publication Costs

Registration Fees
- Rearrangement Costs
- Refreshments - unallowable unless specifically approved by contracting officer
- Recruiting Costs
- Relocation Costs
- Rental/Lease of Facilities or Equipment
- Renovations Costs - allowable with sponsor approval
- Repairs
- Royalty Costs

Salaries and Wages
- Scholarships and Student Aid - allowable for training grants only
- Service Charges
- Specialized Service Center Costs
- Student Activity Costs - unallowable
- Subject Costs
- Supplies

Taxes
- Transportation Costs
- Travel costs - allowable within the approved budget limits
- Tuition