

SPONSORED PROJECT



Benefit to the project



What does benefit mean?

Allocable, reasonable and necessary costs that pertain to a specific project

Expenses should support the project's purpose and activity to meet scope of work requirements

If the expense does not directly benefit the project, it is an unallowable expense



Why does benefit matter?

Responsible for efficient and effective management of funds

Must provide for adequate documentation to support costs charged

Demonstrate appropriate use of funds to meet award objectives

Budget availability does not indicate allocability of cost

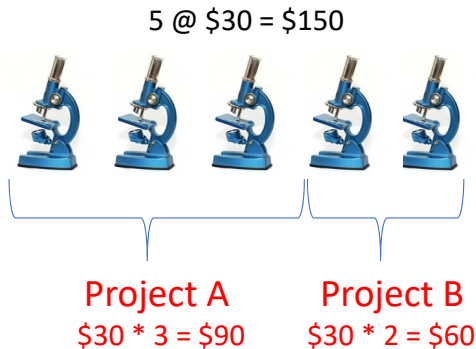


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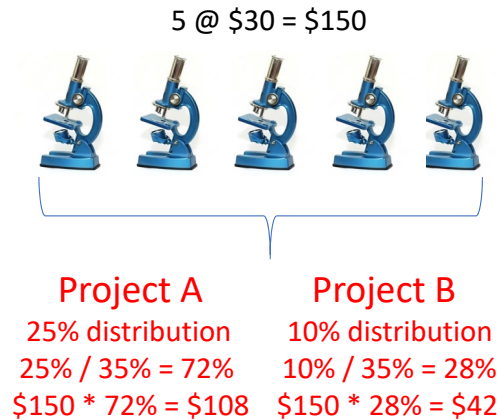
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- If 5 pieces are purchased; all 5 are used on project A and project B; then the expense is based on the payroll cost distribution percentage

Who is responsible to determine benefit?

Principal Investigators or individuals with first hand knowledge

Department heads by providing guidance and oversight

College/unit fiscal officers by providing guidance and oversight



How is benefit documented?

Examples include but not limited to:

Email correspondence

Department forms

Reconciliations



Resources

UG 200.405 Cost Principles – Allocable Costs <https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=32e5e8c17c641333f9cb6743ec0888db&mc=true&node=pt2.1.200&rgn=div5>

BPM E-1-3 Fiscal Roles and Responsibilities

<http://www.uky.edu/ufs/sites/www.uky.edu.ufs/files/bpm/E-1-3.pdf>



Extras

Who can I contact for assistance?

Business Officer

College Grants Officer

FA (Financial Administrator)

Presentations: <http://www.uky.edu/ufs/sponsored-projects-bits-pieces-presentations>

RFS: <https://www.uky.edu/ufs/research-financial-services>

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