FEDERAL AWARDS - TYPICAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS

Reference Table

This list is not all-inclusive but represents commonly used expenditures. There may be <u>rare instances</u> when charges normally treated as indirect costs may be charged directly to sponsored projects. Refer to 2 CFR, Part 200: "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

DIRECT COSTS	FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE INDIRECT COSTS
SALARIES, WAGES, RELATED FRINGE BENEFITS, such as: > principal investigator > post doc > graduate student > research associate > research technician > research nurse coordinator	ADMIN. & CLERICAL SALARIES, WAGES, FRINGE BENEFITS.*, such as: business manager secretary department administrator administrative assistant accountant accounting clerk
 OFFICE SUPPLIES ➤ normally indirect unless the specific requirements of a particular project scope clearly indicate a need for a volume of costs beyond routine, which creates an unlike circumstance 	OFFICE SUPPLIES pens, pencils paper, tablets files, folders, binders transparencies staples
LABORATORY SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS > non-administrative > medical, scientific > pharmaceutical	INSTITUTIONAL DUES, MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

^{*}See 2 CFR 200.413(c)(1-4).

DIRECT COSTS	FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE INDIRECT COSTS
COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES* used for: > scientific and technical purposes > research data collection if used specifically for a particular project	GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES (used for administrative purposes) > word processing and spreadsheet programs > diskettes > printer paper > toner cartridges not dedicated to a particular project
 EQUIPMENT ⇒ scientific and technical ⇒ dedicated ⇒ computer (exclusively or primarily dedicated to a particular project and justified accordingly) ⇒ maintenance contract (dedicated-equipment) ⇒ rental if used specifically for a particular project 	GENERAL PURPOSE EQUIPMENT (used for administrative purposes) > copier > office furniture > computer > maintenance contract (administrative use-equipment) not dedicated to a particular project
MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS EQUIPMENT ➤ requires justification explaining the expenditure's direct application to the federal award if used specifically for a particular project	MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS FOR GENERAL PURPOSE EQUIPMENT (used for administrative purposes) for equipment not dedicated to a particular project
Project-specific rented off-campus from a third party	MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS FOR FACILITIES → buildings → grounds

See 2 CFR 200.453 (200.20 and 200.94)

DIRECT COSTS	FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE INDIRECT COSTS
SUBCONTRACT COSTS	UTILITIES
POSTAGE	POSTAGE
> normally indirect unless the specific requirements of a particular project scope clearly indicates a need for a volume of costs beyond routine, which creates an unlike circumstance	 U.S. non-priority mail interoffice mail delivery
TELEPHONE CHARGES	TELEPHONE CHARGES – Basic
 long distance (project-specific) cellular (project-specific) 	 local calls cellular phones (general use) pagers, voice mail
PRINTING AND PHOTOCOPYING	PRINTING AND PHOTOCOPYING
> normally indirect unless the specific requirements of a particular project scope clearly indicates a need for a volume of costs beyond routine, which creates an unlike circumstance	 administrative forms routine – low volume photocopying
ADVERTISEMENT	ADVERTISEMENT
 recruitment of personnel approved for a specific project recruitment of research subjects 	> public relations
TRAVEL	TRAVEL
if directly applicable to project requirements	> recruitment
	not directly applicable to project requirements

DIRECT COSTS	FACILITIES & ADMINISTRATIVE INDIRECT COSTS
PUBLICATIONS – Project-specific research	PUBLICATIONS – General
CONSULTING – Project-specific research	CONSULTING - General
FREIGHT/EXPRESS DELIVERIES, when needed, to transport project material in a timely manner: ➤ Fed-ex charges ➤ requires justification explaining the expenditure's direct application to the federal award if used specifically for a particular project	FREIGHT/EXPRESS DELIVERIES > routine > internal courier > charges not specifically related to the project
 SERVICE CENTER CHARGES → animals and animal care → laboratory testing services → computing network charges – computing equipment dedicated to project 	SERVICE CENTER CHARGES ➤ computing network charges – computing equipment used administratively
TRAINEE COSTS if directly applicable to project requirements	