

Indirect Costs Policy

The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) allows applicants to use up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total direct costs requested from FFAR, and up to fifteen percent (15%) of the direct costs on the required one-to-one matching funds towards indirect costs (IDC). These costs are also referred to as facilities and administration (F&A) costs.

FFAR's IDC allowance is an indirect cost rate applied to the total direct costs requested to be used for indirect costs by the institution.

- Examples of direct costs include, but are not limited to, materials, supplies, equipment, salary support for work on a project, fees for data analysis and/or travel.
- Examples of IDCs include, but are not limited to departmental administration, rental or building costs and/or expenses for infrastructure.

Upon request, FFAR can reduce the IDC of a project or sub-award to any rate below 15% provided that the IDC of matching funds is never lower than the IDC charged to FFAR funds.

Unrecovered indirect cost, defined as the difference between a grantee's federally negotiated IDC rate and FFAR's fifteen percent (15%) indirect cost allotment, must not be offered, and will not be accepted, as a match contribution. FFAR reserves the right to negotiate the match IDC on a case-by-case basis if the project's matching funds are two-to-one or greater.

FFAR's IDC policy can be found on Article IX, Section 6 of FFAR's [Bylaws](#) and also in the "Instructions" tab of the [sample budget worksheets](#) provided on FFAR's website.