



TIPS FOR CALCULATING INDIRECT COSTS

The West Virginia State University indirect cost rate is a Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) rate; the rate is 50.73% for on-campus activities and 26.54% for off-campus activities.

To calculate indirect cost using our Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) rate, all Salaries and Wages, Applicable Fringe Benefits, Materials and Supplies, Contractual Services, Travel, and up to the first \$25,000 of each sub award (regardless of the period of performance of the sub awards under the award) are included in the calculation for indirect cost.

Equipment; Capital Expenditures; Charges for Patient Care; Rental Costs; Tuition Remission; Scholarships & Fellowships; Participant Support Costs; and the portion of each Subaward in excess of \$25,000 must be excluded from the calculation for indirect cost.

Below is a sample budget illustrating how to calculate indirect cost:

Personnel Salaries	\$ 57,290
Fringe Benefits (38%)	\$ 21,770
Equipment	\$ 21,373
Supplies	\$ 6,500
Travel	\$ 11,356
Contractual	\$ 4,500
Publications	\$ 950
Total Direct Costs	\$123,739
Indirect Costs (50.73%)	\$ 51,930
GRANT TOTAL	\$175,669

The Total Direct Cost is the sum of all of the cost categories and equals \$123,739. To find the Indirect Cost Base, subtract, in this case, the Equipment line of \$21,373 to equal \$102,366 the Indirect Cost Base. Multiply \$102,366 the Indirect Cost Base by .5073 (50.73% the On-Campus Indirect Cost Rate) to find the Total Indirect Costs (\$51,930).

If you have questions about calculating Indirect Costs, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at 304-204-4304.