



**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND
PAYMENT OF INDIRECT COSTS ON EXTERNAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
POLICY, 3356-10-13.2**

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby rescind University Policy stated above and attached hereto.

TO BE RESCINDED

3356-10-13.2 Payment of indirect costs on external grants and contracts.

Responsible Division/Office: Office of Research Services
Responsible Officer: Provost and VP for Academic Affairs
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- (A) Policy statement. Externally sponsored grants and contracts typically pay for both direct costs and indirect costs. All funding organizations must pay indirect costs at the prevailing authorized rate for Youngstown state university (“university”) based on the federally-negotiated rate. In case of waiver or reduction, indirect costs shall be included as part of institutional match on the grant project.
- (B) Parameter. Sponsored programs and grant projects have budgets depicting the actual costs, including both direct and indirect costs. Indirect costs, or facilities and administrative (“F&A”) costs, have been deemed as real and allowable in federally sponsored programs and are paid at a federally negotiated rate with the U.S. department of health and human services. In some cases, the allowable percentage of indirect costs is reduced by the federal, state or local agency.
- (C) Procedures.
 - (1) As part of the formal grant submission process at the university (see university policy 3356-10-13, “Research, grants, and sponsored programs”), waiver or reduction of indirect costs on grant proposals submitted to external sponsors requires prior approval by department chairs, college deans, and the director of research services, the provost or the authorized institutional official.
 - (2) The author of the grant proposal is expected to develop a budget for the proposal that accounts for the full payment of indirect costs,

unless specifically disallowed by a funding organization. Exceptions may be requested only when directed by the solicitation. No general exemption of payment of indirect costs is provided to for-profit companies.

- (3) University faculty and staff who intend to submit a grant proposal to an external funding agency must provide a written justification for reduced indirect costs. If indirect costs are waived or reduced, indirect costs shown in the budget shall be included as part of the institutional match.
- (4) Prior to proposal submission externally, the written justification for waived or reduced indirect costs must be submitted to and approved by the director of research services and approved by the provost or the authorized institutional official. This process will be included in university grant submission procedures.