

RESOURCE I: BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS

Category I: INDIRECT EXPENSES

This category is used if the organization has a federally approved Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) or chooses a de minimis rate.

- A. NICRA – If the organization has a federally approved rate, it must be used in Category I, unless the organization voluntarily chooses to waive indirect costs or charge less than the full indirect cost rate. A NICRA is established on a cost base(s).
 1. In the detail information, list the organization's NICRA and cost base(s).
 2. To determine the amount, multiply the NICRA against the established cost base(s) amount listed in Category III.

If an organization voluntarily chooses to waive indirect costs or charge less than the full indirect cost rate, please note this in the detail information area. Waving indirect costs or charging less will not influence awarding decisions.

- B. De minimis Rate - If the organization does not have a NICRA and would like to choose a de minimis rate, the organization must certify that they are making this choice. Once an organization chooses a de minimis rate, they **MUST** use this across all grants. The only way for an organization to stop using a de minimis rate once certified is to receive a NICRA. Please use caution when making this choice.

The de minimis rate can be charged at 15% of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). MTDC is defined as being: All direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel, and up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward.

1. In the detail information, indicate that de minimis has been chosen.
2. To determine the amount, determine the MTDC in Category III (see the budget narrative for the eligible Category III expenses).
3. Take the MTDC and times by 15%. Enter this amount in Category I.

Category II: DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

This category is used if the organization does not have NICRA, does not choose a de minimis rate, or has administrative expenses that are not part of their NICRA established cost base(s). If the organization allocates administrative expenses with a cost allocation plan or other basis, the direct costs from those allocations go here. Any other direct administrative expenses should be listed as well.

1. In the detail information, indicate how the cost was arrived at and detail items that make up the costs.

Category III: DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES

This category is used for the direct program expenses. Costs should be reasonable, necessary, and allowable under the grant proposal and federal regulations.

1. In the detail information, indicate how the cost was arrived at and detail items that make up the costs.