

Matching or Cost Sharing Requirements Factsheet



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Matching or cost sharing means the portion of project costs not paid by federal funds (unless otherwise authorized by federal statute). Matching funds are restricted to the same use of funds as allowed for the federal funds. If it is not allowable under the federal award, it is not allowable as match.

Tip: Matching requirements can vary across the different Department of Justice programs; therefore, grantees must thoroughly read their award announcement and award notice to understand every aspect of their grant's match requirement.

Third-Party In-Kind Match vs. Cash Match

Third-party in-kind matching includes, but is not limited to, the valuation of non-cash contributions provided by a third party. An in-kind match may be in the form of services, supplies, real property, and equipment. The value of the service may be used for the matching requirements, if the services are necessary, reasonable, and allowable under that federal program.

Cash matching includes cash spent for project-related costs. The allowable cash match must include costs that are necessary, reasonable, and allowable under the federal program.

Calculating Matching Requirement

Determining the Match Amount

Step 1: Award Amount divided by Percentage (%) of Federal Share of Total Project Cost = Total Adjusted Project Cost

Step 2: Total Adjusted Project Cost multiplied by Percentage (%) of Recipient Share of Total Project Cost = Required Match

Example

The federal government offers a \$100,000 grant, and the match requirement is an 80/20 ratio (federal/recipient).

Start with the federal government grant amount: \$100,000

Compute total project cost: \$100,000 divided by .80 = \$125,000

Compute amount the recipient contributes: \$125,000 multiplied by .20 = \$25,000