

Budget Justification

This is a fictional budget for a project and will not match the other worksheets in this document. The example budget has been designed to show as many types of allowable expenses as possible. However, your project may not need to complete every section. Always remember in your application to ensure that all costs in the budget justification are explained in the project description worksheet.

Budget Justification Worksheet

Historic Preservation Fund Grants

Budget must be clear and all work elements must be eligible, reasonable, and directly relevant to the project. Items must be broken out between administrative costs and program costs. Leave blank any sections for which no costs will be charged. All items in the budget must be justified in the project description. This worksheet does not replace the SF-424A application form. Information provided below must be consistent with the SF-424A and/or SF-424C.

Administrative costs are defined as: Allowable, reasonable, and allocable costs related to the overall management of activities directly related to finance (accounting, auditing, budgeting, contracting), general administrative salaries and wages (grant administration, personnel, property management, equal opportunity) and other “overhead” functions (general legal services, general liability insurance, depreciation on buildings and equipment, etc.) not directly attributable to specific program areas identified in the grant agreement. All administrative costs reported must be absolutely necessary for project and/or program implementation, such as the cost items identified in the final grant agreement or items otherwise approved in writing by the NPS Awarding Officer (AO). Administrative costs plus any indirect costs charged to the grant may not exceed 25% of the overall project budget (Federal and matching share).

1. Personnel

Provide the titles, and names if applicable, of principal project personnel. Percent of time may be given as hours. Annual salary may be given as the hourly rate. Please note that grant funds may not be used to pay Federal employee salaries, nor may Federal salaries be used as match/cost share. Maximum hourly wages charged to this grant for personnel and consultants may not exceed 120% of the salary of a Federal Civil Service GS-15, Step 10. Current salary tables are available at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>.

Title/Name of Personnel	% of Time	Annual Salary	# of Years	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
Project Director	20	100000	3	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Research Interns (4)	100	38000	3		\$ 114,000.00			\$ 114,000.00
Accounting	5	180000	3	\$ 13,500.00		\$ 13,500.00		\$ 27,000.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
				\$ 17,500.00	\$ 139,000.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 201,000.00

2. Fringe Benefits

If more than one rate is used, list each rate and salary base. Rates are based on the percent of time spent working on this project.

Title/Name of Personnel	% Rate	Charged Salary	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
Project Director	25	60000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 15,000.00
Research Interns (4)	0	114000	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Accounting	25	27000	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,750.00
							\$ 0.00
							\$ 0.00
							\$ 0.00
							\$ 0.00
							\$ 0.00
							\$ 0.00
			\$ 4,375.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 4,875.00	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 21,750.00

3. Travel

Indicate the number of persons travelling, the total days they will be in travel status, and the total subsistence and transportation costs.

Location From/To	No. of People	No. of Days	Lodging and Per Diem	Transportation Costs per Person	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
Memphis, TN to Washington, DC	4	5	336	275	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,720.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,720.00
									\$ 0.00
									\$ 0.00
									\$ 0.00
									\$ 0.00
									\$ 0.00
									\$ 0.00
									\$ 0.00
					\$ 0.00	\$ 7,720.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,720.00

4. Equipment

List all tangible personal property with a per-unit acquisition cost of greater than \$5,000 and a useful life of more than one year. Each item of equipment must be approved by NPS in writing prior to purchase. Items worth less than \$5,000 or having a useful life of less than one year must be listed in **Supplies and Materials**. See [2 CFR 200.33](#).

Item	Total Cost	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
wood chipper	5237		\$ 5,237.00			\$ 5,237.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
		\$ 0.00	\$ 5,237.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,237.00

5. Supplies and Materials

Includes consumable supplies & materials to be used in the project and any items of expendable equipment (i.e. equipment with a useful life of less than one year). Items with a per-unit cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than one year should be listed in **Equipment**.

Item	Total Cost	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
project sign	1000	\$ 1,000.00				\$ 1,000.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00

6. Contractual/Consultant Fees

Include payments for professional and technical consultants participating in the project. For all consultants, please include either a flat rate **OR** a daily rate with estimated number of days. Maximum hourly wages charged to this grant for consultants may not exceed 120% of the salary of a Federal Civil Service GS-15, Step 10. Current salary tables are available at <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/>.

Type of Consultant	Flat Rate	Daily Rate	# of Days	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
architect fees	51450			\$ 51,450.00				\$ 51,450.00
engineering services		250	1	\$ 250.00				\$ 250.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
								\$ 0.00
				\$ 51,700.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 51,700.00

7. Construction/Conservation Materials and Labor

Itemize by work elements (for example, "repair roof," "underpin foundation"). "Lump sum" amounts must be broken into specific work components to be funded by the grant.

Item	Total Cost	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
new security system for building and HVAC and electrical systems	120000	\$ 120,000.00				\$ 120,000.00
restore windows on 3rd floor	15000	\$ 15,000.00				\$ 15,000.00
install ADA accessible restroom	47000	\$ 47,000.00				\$ 47,000.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
		\$ 182,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 182,000.00

8. Other

Include items not previously listed.

Item	Total Cost	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Federal Grant Funds, Program	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Program	Total
rental of man lift	2287	\$ 2,287.00				\$ 2,287.00
archives fees (copying)	3500	\$ 3,500.00				\$ 3,500.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
						\$ 0.00
		\$ 5,787.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,787.00

9. Indirect Charges

Indirect charges must be based on a federally-negotiated indirect cost rate or, if the organization has never previously had a federally-negotiated indirect rate, your organization may choose to use the 10% De Minimis indirect cost rate. The federally-negotiated rate or 10% De Minimis certification must be included in the application.

Type of Indirect Cost Rate	Expiration Date	Base	Percent	Federal Grant Funds, Admin	Match/Cost Share, Admin	Total
Fixed	12/25/2021	5687	18.75	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,066.00

10. Budget Summary

Category	Federal Grant Funds	Match/Cost Share	Total
1. Personnel	\$ 156,500.00	\$ 44,500.00	\$ 201,000.00
2. Fringe Benefits	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 11,125.00	\$ 21,750.00
3. Travel	\$ 7,720.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,720.00
4. Equipment	\$ 5,237.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,237.00
5. Supplies and Materials	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
6. Contractual	\$ 51,700.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 51,700.00
7. Construction/Conservation	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 182,000.00
8. Other	\$ 5,787.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,787.00
9. Indirect Charges	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,066.00
Administrative Costs	\$ 263,428.00	\$ 24,375.00	\$ 287,803.00
Total Costs	\$ 421,635.00	\$ 55,625.00	\$ 477,260.00