

319(h) Project Indirect Cost

Section 319(h) funds are to be used to address causes and sources of nonpoint source pollution. While 319(h) funds can be used to fund a wide variety of activities or expenses, there are instances where these funds cannot be used; these expenses would be considered ineligible for reimbursement. The following summarizes eligible and ineligible direct cost for Section 319(h) funding:

General Indirect Cost Rules

- Indirect cost consists of no more than 15% of the total federal – federal contractual budget
- 319 related costs must be detailed in the invoice and receipts provided
- Must be project, not organization expenses
- Cannot include travel, personnel, or other costs that should fall into another budget category

Eligible Indirect Cost

- Utility expenses for the Watershed Coordinator
- Office rental for the Watershed Coordinator
- Membership fees for the Watershed Coordinator or project personnel, must be project relevant
- Training for the watershed coordinator, must be important to the project
- Shipping and postage for project activities

Ineligible Indirect Cost

- Cannot include utility and maintenance expenses for the organization
- Cannot include membership fees for the organization (ex. accounting software)
- Cannot be used for office space not used by direct project staff
- Cannot be used for shipping and postage for bills and other organizational expenses
- Cannot include janitorial fees
- Cannot include bank, tax, or accounting fees
- Cannot include vehicle maintenance or repair
- Cannot include office maintenance
- Cannot include building security