



Indirect cost policy for contractors

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Background

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) receives funding and generates revenue through grants and contracts with philanthropic, public and private organizations. This funding is used to advance HPIO's mission of advancing evidence-informed policies that improve health, achieve equity, and lead to sustainable healthcare spending. As needed, HPIO engages contractors and consultants to advance its work toward this mission.

The following policy is based on [research](#) commissioned by the MacArthur Foundation.

Policy

When engaging external contractors, HPIO permits indirect cost recovery of up to 29 percent of project costs.

“Indirect Costs” are defined as costs for activities or services that support the organization as a whole rather than any particular program or project, including administrative costs. Examples include finance and accounting support, human resources, bank fees, board meetings, and fundraising.