

CITY OF LOCK HAVEN COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Purpose/General Statement

The purpose of this cost allocation plan is to summarize, in writing, the methods and procedures that the City of Lock Haven will use to allocate costs to various programs, grants, contracts and agreements.

OMB Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments," establishes allowable costs incurred by state and local governments under grants, cost-reimbursement contracts and other agreements ("Federal Awards") with the Federal Government.

The City of Lock Haven's Cost Allocation Plan is based on the Direct Allocation method described in OMB Circular A-87. The Direct Allocation Method treats all costs as direct costs except general administration and general expenses.

Direct costs are those that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective. Indirect costs are those that have been incurred for common or joint objectives and cannot be readily identified with a particular final cost objective. Only costs that are allowable, in accordance with the cost principles, will be allocated to benefiting programs by the City.

The City of Lock Haven does not charge indirect costs to any of its programs.

General Approach

The general approach of the City of Lock Haven in allocating costs to particular grants and contracts is as follows:

- A. All allowable direct costs are charged directly to programs, grants, activity, etc.
- B. Allowable direct costs that can be identified to more than one program are prorated individually as direct costs using a base most appropriate to the particular cost being prorated.
- C. All other allowable general and administrative costs (costs that benefit all programs and cannot be identified to a specific program) are allocated to programs, grants, etc. using a base that results in an equitable distribution.

Allocation of Costs

The following information summarizes the procedures that is used by the City of Lock Haven:

A. Compensation for Personal Services - Documented with timesheets showing time distribution for all employees and allocated based on time spent on each program or grant. Salaries and wages are charged directly to the program for which work has been done. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's salaries to the total of such salaries.

1. Fringe benefits (FICA, UC, and Worker's Compensation) are allocated in the same manner as salaries and wages. Health insurance, dental insurance, life & disability and other fringe benefits are also allocated in the same manner as salaries and wages.

2. Vacation, holiday, and sick pay are allocated in the same manner as salaries and wages.

B. Insurance - Insurance needed for a particular program is charged directly to the program requiring the coverage. Other insurance coverage that benefits all programs is allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

C. Professional Services Costs (such as consultants and accounting services) - Allocated to the program benefiting from the service. All professional service costs are charged directly to the program for which the service was incurred. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

D. Audit Costs – Identifiable direct audit costs are charged directly to the program. Audit costs that benefits all programs are allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

E. Postage - Allocated based on usage. Expenses used for a specific program will be charged directly to that program. Postage expenses are charged directly to programs to the extent possible. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

F. Printing (including supplies, maintenance and repair) - Expenses are charged directly to programs that benefit from the service. Expenses that benefit more than one program are allocated based the ratio of the costs to total expenses. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

G. Food/Household Supplies - Expenses are charged directly to programs that benefit from the service. Expenses that benefit more than one program are allocated based the ratio of the costs to total expenses. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

H. Program Supplies - Expenses are charged directly to programs that benefit from the service. Expenses that benefit more than one program are allocated based the ratio of the costs to total expenses. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

I. Office/Copier - Allocated based on usage. Expenses used for a specific program will be charged directly to that program. Postage expenses are charged directly to programs to the extent possible. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

J. Equipment/Depreciation – The City of Lock Haven depreciates equipment when the initial acquisition cost exceeds \$2,500. Items below \$2,500 are reflected in the supplies category and expensed in the current year. Unless allowed by the awarding agency, equipment purchases are recovered through depreciation. Depreciation costs for allowable equipment used solely by one program are charged directly to the program using the equipment. If more than one program uses the equipment, then an allocation of the depreciation costs will be based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

K. Telephone/Communications - Long distance and local calls are charged to programs if readily identifiable. Other telephone or communications expenses that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

L. Training/Conferences/Seminars – Allocated to the program benefiting from the training, conferences or seminars. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's salaries to the total of such salaries. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's salaries to total salaries.

M. Auto Allowance/Travel Costs – Allocated based on purpose of travel. All travel costs (local and out-of-town) are charged directly to the program for which the travel was incurred. Travel costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's salaries to the total of such salaries. Travel costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's salaries to total salaries.

N. Vehicle Costs (Vehicle lease payments, vehicle maintenance costs associated with leased vehicles) - Allocated to the program benefiting from the vehicle costs. Vehicle costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's salaries to the total of such salaries. Travel costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's salaries to total salaries.

O. Facilities Expenses (includes Rent, Utilities, Maintenance, Mortgage Interest & Depreciation, and Property Taxes)- Allocated based upon usable square footage. The ratio of total square footage used by all personnel to total square footage is calculated. Facilities costs related to general and administrative activities are allocated to program based on the ratio of program square footage to total square footage.

P. Special Costs (Assistance to Individuals) - Expenses are charged directly to programs that benefit from the service. Expenses that benefit more than one program are allocated based the ratio of the costs to total expenses. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses (see Examples 3 or 9). Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

Q. Other Costs (including membership dues, licenses, fees, etc.) - expenses are charged directly to programs that benefit from the service. Expenses that benefit more than one program are allocated based the ratio of the costs to total expenses. Costs that benefit more than one program will be allocated to those programs based on the ratio of each program's expenses to the total of such expenses. Costs that benefit all programs will be allocated based on the ratio of each program's expenses to total expenses.

R. Unallowable Costs – Costs that are unallowable in accordance with OMB Circular A-87, including alcoholic beverages, bad debts, contributions, entertainment, fines and penalties.