

Allowed Costs for Grant Applicants

The following are definitions and examples from the Association of Medical Research Charities, of which Tenovus Cancer Care is a member. A grant from Tenovus Cancer Care can cover the Directly Incurred Costs but not Directly Allocated Costs or Indirect Costs. Please read and bear in mind when applying for a grant from us:

Directly incurred costs

The direct costs of research include:

- Research staff (e.g. research assistant salaries, junior researchers at postdoctoral level).
- Consumables and other costs directly attributable to the project
- Cost of equipment specific to the needs of the project
- Travel and subsistence.

Directly allocated costs

These are shared costs based on estimates and do not represent actual costs on a project-by project basis. They may include:

- Research investigators: the proportion of time spent by senior researchers such as the principal investigator and co-investigators on a research project.
- The cost of shared resources such as clerical and administrative staff, nurses, lab technicians, supervisors and collaborators who are already employed. Equipment not specific to the research such as lab supplies and equipment is classed as directly allocated costs
- Estates: the space used by researchers.

Tenovus Cancer Care accepts directly allocated costs for specialist staff such as highly skilled technicians in specific techniques, statisticians and economists. However, justification by the applicant and approval by the research review committee is required.

Indirect costs

These costs are necessary for underpinning research but cannot be allocated to individual projects. They usually cover computing and information support, central services, general maintenance, lighting, heating and other infrastructure costs.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us on research@tenovuscancercare.org.uk