



HEALTH RESEARCH INCORPORATED

To All HRI Subcontractors:

Attached are the Health Research, Inc. (HRI) voucher and report of expenditures forms. Your organization must use these forms for all vouchering under HRI subcontracts. **NOTE: If your organization inputs the HRI voucher forms into a computer program, please be sure copy matches the attached.** Contact HRI Subcontract Unit if you would like the voucher form in an excel file.

HRI would like to clarify items noted as being areas of misunderstanding in voucher preparation in an effort to expedite the vouchering and reimbursement process:

Cover (First) Page: The individual signing for the subcontractor organization, by signing the voucher is certifying to the following:

- 1) Expenditures represent the costs actually incurred by the subcontractor organization either directly in performance of or properly allocable to the subcontract.
- 2) That the subcontractor has on file documentation to support allocation of such costs to the agreement in accordance with applicable regulations and approved budget.
- 3) That costs claimed were incurred within the dates specified on the voucher.
- 4) That the claim is just, true, and correct.
- 5) That no part of the claim has been paid by HRI or any third party and that the balance is actually due and owing.
- 6) Overlapping voucher periods are **NOT** allowed except for the final voucher, which can be used to bill for expenses missed on previous vouchers for the entire subcontract period.

Report of Expenditures – Salary Expense – List the name and job title of all personnel and include pay period covered and number of pay periods. Make sure percentage of effort, actual annual salary, and requested budget amounts are listed for all staff. The percentage of effort should reflect the actual effort worked for the claim period. **Make sure the percent of effort claimed calculates correctly.**

Report of Expenditures - Equipment Expense –

- All equipment should be ordered and delivered within the period of the contract.
- All pieces of equipment purchased must be listed separately on the expense page.
- For every item of equipment purchased, a corresponding invoice must be submitted. A serial # (where applicable), check #, check date and amount of check is required for payment.
- If the invoice is dated outside of the contract period, a typed purchase order must be submitted showing the order date and delivery date. Please note, the purchase order # must be referenced on the invoice.
- Please denote whom the equipment is for, and assure that the proper % of allocation to the contract coincides with the % of effort for staff utilizing equipment. (Note: if a piece of equipment is 100% applicable to the program, please denote that on the expense page)

Report of Expenditures - Miscellaneous - HRI requires a breakdown for the following **Miscellaneous** expenses: (Please note that this is a list of most common Misc.-Other expenses. If there is something that does not appear on this list, or if unsure of what support may be needed, please contact HRI Subcontract Unit)

- **Space** - If the contractor is vouchering for Miscellaneous - Space, all rental location addresses **MUST** be listed on the voucher. A complete street address, with city, state and zip code is required.
- **Stipends** - For all types of stipends, list type of stipend and cost per each, or actual receipts/invoices.
- **Nutritional / Patient Incentives** - # of incentives, cost per incentive and description of incentive, or actual receipts/invoices.

- **Food / Refreshment / Meeting Costs** (in excess of \$100) - This can be provided in two different ways. (1) # of persons attending meeting and cost per person; **or** (2) copies of receipts showing what was purchased. Receipts may not include bottle deposits or tax amounts.
- **Staff training / development** - how many staff and at what cost per staff person, date of training.
- **M&R expense (maintenance and repairs expense)** - provide breakdown of what was repaired and cost for each repair.
- **Speakers** - rate per hour and # of hours and date of engagement.
- **Honoraria** - cost per honorarium.
- **Recruitment costs** – breakdown of costs
- **Participant Costs** - # of participants/cost per person, date of activity, type of activity, or actual receipts/invoices.
- **Conference Costs / Luncheons**- # of participants / cost per person, date of event, or actual receipts/invoices.
- **Tax** is not allowable.
- **Bottle Deposits** are not reimbursable.

(Please keep in mind HRI reserves the right to request additional backup documentation for items that may be listed on any voucher submitted or to institute specific documentation requirements in the contract itself).

Report of Expenditures - Subcontract/Consultant – Backup is always required for ALL Contractual Costs. An invoice for any contractual cost can be accepted as backup. An invoice is required if the subcontractor is a business/entity. A breakdown of rate/hours worked would only be accepted as backup for a consultant/individual. Grantee cannot voucher on a subcontractor who is still TBH/TBD on the budget. Subcontractor/Consultant must be listed on the budget and have a completed workscope (if applicable) prior to vouchering.

Indirect Costs (IDC)/Administrative – If contractor has a federally approved IDC rate, it must be noted on the top right hand corner of the Report of Expenditures. The expense must work out to the percentage of the federally approved rate or lower. Federal regulation allow for 10% Modified Total Direct Cost (MTDC) de minimus (see definition) – Expense claimed based on this must exclude the below items if included on the voucher.

Definition MTDC: MTDC means all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel and up to the first \$25,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$25,000.

In general, Subcontractors are reminded of the following:

Timing of Expenditures: Only those expenses incurred or properly obligated during the period of your HRI subcontract can be charged against your HRI subcontract. For example, if a pay period crosses the start or end date of your agreement, only charge for those days that fall within the subcontract dates. If purchasing goods and services, those goods and services must be ordered and delivered within the period of the agreement. Place a **firm order with the vendor** during the subcontract dates from which the expense for the goods and services will be paid (i.e. Must be a purchase commitment issued to the vendor. "Internal" purchase orders are not acceptable as it does not constitute a commitment to the vendor). In all cases, the expenditures for goods and services must benefit the work funded under the agreement in order to be allowable. If such benefit cannot be established, HRI will not permit reimbursement of the expense, regardless of when it was incurred. Expenses for goods and services ordered after the termination date of the agreement will not be honored.

Considerations for Cost Reimbursable Subcontracts: Only those costs incurred to conduct the HRI subcontract activity may be charged to the HRI subcontract. If the approved budget includes costs that will be allocated (costs that benefit both the HRI subcontract activity and some other activity at the organization) these costs must be allocated in the proportion to which those costs support each of those activities. This allocation should be used consistently throughout the organization (if applicable). Additionally, *costs must be incurred before billed for. Charging for anticipated expenses or before actually disbursing funds for those expenses is not permitted and is contrary to the certification made on the face page of the voucher.*

Budget flexibility - May be a percentage per budget line or a percentage of the total budget amount depending on the contract agreement.

- If the contract states 25% line item budget flexibility, the contractor may voucher for up to 25% over each specific line as long as there is savings on another line to compensate for the overage.
- If the contract states 25% total budget flexibility, the contractor may voucher on a specific line for a total of up to 25% of the total budget as long as there is savings on another line to compensate for the overage.
- Under no circumstances can the contractor voucher for more than the total budget.
- Re-budget is required if contractor is billing against a budget line that was not in the original budget or over budget flexibility.

Re-budgeting: If a re-budget is necessary in order to meet the goals of the agreement, such re-budgets should be submitted before incurring expenses. *Any expenses incurred by the subcontractor before receipt of approved budget modification are at the subcontractor's own risk.*

Timely vouchering: Timely vouchering is extremely important. Vouchers should be submitted within 30 days of the end of the claim period. Voucher frequency, monthly or quarterly, is indicated on the agreement cover page. Final vouchers must be submitted within 60 days of the termination date of your contract (unless otherwise noted in your agreement) and should be marked as "**FINAL VOUCHER**".

Final Voucher: After the final voucher is received, reviewed and processed by the HRI Subcontract Unit it goes to the HRI Audit Unit where a review of all the vouchers paid against the contract is performed to ensure that all categories reimbursed have been properly claimed. At this time, the contractor may be asked for additional information with regards to any and all vouchers previously paid by HRI. If any adjustments are necessary, the final voucher will be reduced by that amount prior to being approved/paid.

Vouchers can be submitted electronically to your Contract Manager listed in Exhibit "C" of the contract.

If you have any questions regarding the attached forms, please contact your Contract Manager or the HRI Subcontract Unit at (518) 431-1200 or at subcon@healthresearch.org.

Sincerely,



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