



### Cost Transfer Questions For Non-Personal Services Costs

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If **moving costs from one project to another project** on the <u>same award</u> (no time limit; if project has ended – talk to GCA Point of Contact): eJournal.

If moving costs onto a project: is the cost legitimate (allowable and allocable)\* to the Project?

- If no, the cost cannot be moved onto the project.
- If yes, proceed to Question 2.

If moving costs off of a project: did the expense item(s) benefit this project?

- If yes, the cost should remain on the project. <u>A Fund Transfer should be used for clearing expenses</u> <u>in excess of available budget for a project</u>. For any extenuating circumstances, contact the GCA Point of Contact for the project.
- If no, proceed to question 2.
- 2. Has the project ended and is the project in either Final or Closed Status?
  - If <u>ves</u>, contact the GCA Point of Contact for the project to discuss the cost transfer.
  - If <u>no</u>:
    - Proceed with preparation of the <u>Cost Transfer</u> Form if moving costs <u>onto</u> a project.
    - Proceed with a <u>Cost Transfer</u> if **moving costs** <u>off</u> of a project that are 120 days or more old.
    - Proceed with an <u>E-Journal</u> if **moving costs** off of a project that are less than 120 days old.

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#### Cost Transfer Reminders:

- A. Costs to be transferred onto a project that are (1) close to or after the end of the project and/or (2) spend the funds down to zero, or near zero, will receive extra scrutiny and are more likely to be denied.
- B. All direct costs disallowed or not paid by the sponsor are the responsibility of and must be covered by the PI and/or the Department.

# Correcting Financial Transactions Flowchart







## Cost Transfer Questions For Exempt and Non-Exempt Personal Services Costs

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- If <u>no</u>, proceed to question 2.
- 2. Has the project ended and is the project in either Final or Closed Status?
  - If <u>no</u>, proceed to Question 3.
  - If <u>ves</u>, contact the GCA Point of Contact for the project to discuss the cost transfer.
- 3. Is the Expense Non-Exempt (hourly pay) payroll?
  - If <u>no</u>, proceed to question 4.
    - If <u>yes</u>, proceed with preparation of the Cost Transfer Form.
- 4. Has a PAR been certified?
  - If <u>ves</u>, thoroughly discuss the situation at the department level and then contact the Manager of Compliance Oversight and Reporting to review the reasons for moving the costs.
  - If <u>no</u>, proceed with preparation of the <u>Cost Transfer Form</u>.

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