



DELAWARE DIVISION OF SMALL
BUSINESS

Encouraging Development, Growth, and Expansion (EDGE)

Budget Matching Guidelines

A match is the share of the total project cost that a grantee is required to contribute to achieve the purposes of the award. The match must be demonstrated in the form of appropriate invoices and receipts and/or payroll time records, and be accompanied by proof of payment, such as bank statements.

EDGE funds are provided as a \$3 (state) to \$1 (business) cash match. For example, to receive a \$90,000 grant, a finalist must have secured \$30,000 from other sources. You do not have to have the match in the bank when you apply but must be able to prove the match exists as outlined in your application after you win. EDGE funds and the grantee's match must be expended within 1 year.

Eligible expenses must be incurred after the notification of grant award. For example, a lease expense for the month of February cannot be used as a match if the EDGE applicant received their award notification in March.

The following are examples of eligible uses of EDGE funds and matching expenses:

- Equipment and supplies
- Any non-state/local-government grants
- Space enhancements
- Rent
- Utilities
- Conference fees
- Consultant's fees
- Project essential employee payroll

The following are examples of ineligible uses of EDGE funds and matching expenses:

- Payroll expenses that are not attributed to the project outlined in the application
- Salaries or payments made to company ownership
- The purchase of real estate
- Permits or government fees
- Taxes
- In-kind matching
- Improvements to residential property

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