

**H2020 - Third Parties**

There may be a time when being a beneficiary (signing up to the grant agreement) would not make sense for either the STFC, or a partner organisation. This may be due to the limited and specific scope of their proposed involvement in the project. In these instances normal STFC contract rules and costs apply when charging. In almost all cases costs must be include in the proposal by the collaboration and subsequently the Grant Agreement.

	Does work on the action	Provides resources or services	What is eligible	Must be indicated in the Grant Agreement	Included in Indirect costs calculation	Selection	Articles
<b>Beneficiary</b>	Yes	Yes	Costs related to implementation of the project.	Yes	Yes	Best placed to undertake the work	Article 41 and entire Grant Agreement
<b>Type of third party</b>							
<b>Linked third party</b>	Yes	No	Costs related to implementation of the project.	Yes	Yes	Must be affiliated or have a legal link	Article 14
<b>Subcontractors</b>	Yes	No	Price, often based on commercial rates.	Yes	No	Best value for money, avoid conflict of interest	Article 13
<b>In-Kind contributions</b>	No	Yes	Costs related to implementation of the project.	Yes	Yes	Cannot be use to circumvent the rules	Article 11 & 12
<b>Contracts</b>	No	Yes	Price, often based on commercial rates	No	Yes	Best values for money, avoid conflict of interest	Article 10
<b>Notes</b>							
<b>Financial support to third parties</b>	Only if allowed in the call and included in the original proposal and the subsequent grant agreement. The beneficiaries activity consists in providing financial support to the target population.			Yes	No	According to the conditions in Annex 1	Article 15
<b>Activities undertaken by the beneficiary</b>	Beneficiaries are fully responsible for the implementation of the project and complying with the terms set out in the Grant Agreement.						Article 41
<b>Activities that cannot be undertaken by third parties</b>	Third parties cannot undertake project coordination activities and related project management tasks.						Article 41
<b>Financial reporting</b>	The costs attributed to the Beneficiaries on the Form C, will include those costs attributed to the third party. Linked third parties will need to submit their own financial reports to the EC.						Article 20

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