

# Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence



This document provides some brief key details explaining the Centres' funding model to support information provided in its Expression of Interest Documents. Please contact the Centre if you have any further queries.



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# Budget, Funding Leverage 1

*Where a project team is requesting cash from the Centre to support research personnel*

- Research staff engaged in undertaking a project will be eligible for Centre funding at a salary multiplier of 1.28 (based on actual base salary received by the staff member).
- Project proponents (industry and/or research) are requested to provide cash contributions to the project equivalent to 0.52 salary (together with the Centre's 1.28 contribution this will achieve total cash funding for project personnel of 1.8 times salary).
- The in-kind contribution of organisations that make research facilities available for the project participants will be valued at up to 1.2 times the participants' base salary.

## In summary

- 1.28 x researcher salary (cash provided by the Centre)
- + 0.52 x researcher salary (suggested cash contribution from project partners)
- + 1.2 x researcher salary (in kind contribution for facilities provided by research organisation)
- = 3.0 x researcher salary multiplier



## Budget, Funding Leverage 2

*Where a research organisation provides the research participant and research facilities to the project, as an in-kind contribution*

- Where a research organisation provides the research participant and research facilities to the project, as an in-kind contribution, this in-kind contribution will be valued as 3.0 times the base salary of the staff member.



# Budget, Funding Leverage 3

## *All projects*

- Project teams will be requested to provide a cash contribution of 0.2 times the Centre contributions to support the administration and operational costs of the Centre.
- Equipment funding only up to \$30,000 ex GST within project proposal
- Centre will pay justifiable operating costs.



# Budget, Funding Leverage 3

## *Private Company Participation*

- All sectors of the water recycling industry should be provided the opportunity to participate in Centre Projects; the criteria for their participation are the skills and expertise provided by the private enterprise are essential to successful delivery of the project.
- The costs for such involvement must be only one component of the overall budget. Input from third party specialists should be viewed as an 'operating cost' and the make-up of the sum offered must be clearly identified in the proposal. The overall proposal still needs to meet the Centre's Funding Principles requirements.
- The RAC would be required to ensure that the overall project represented good value for money, and be requested to make specific comment on the value of the private enterprise component.



# Simple example based on research staff salaries of \$1,000,000

Project Participant	Cash for Salaries	In Kind	Cash for Operating	Cash for Equipment	Total contributions
AWRCOE – research salaries	\$1,280,000		\$400,000	\$20,000	\$1,700,000
Research Contributions		\$1,200,000			\$1,200,000
Industry Contributions		\$750,000			\$750,000
Cash contribution other than from AWRCOE	\$ 850,000	\$600,000			\$1,450,000
	<b>\$2,380,000</b>	<b>\$2,550,000</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$5,100,000</b>

**TOTAL project value**

*Centre contribution is \$340,000 (0.2x\$1.7mill)*

Research Salaries

**\$1,000,000**

**Ratio is \$1.7mill Centre cash : \$5.1mill total project**