

NIH Data Sharing: Allowable Costs for Data Management and Sharing


All allowable costs must be submitted in the budget for the award and must be incurred during the performance of the award, even for scientific data and metadata preserved and shared beyond the award period.

NOTE: All allowable costs submitted in budget requests must be incurred during the performance period, even for data preserved and shared beyond the award period. For instance, if a DMS plan proposes preserving and sharing scientific data for 10 years, the entire cost must be incurred before the end of the award.


Reasonable and allowable costs include:



Curating data and developing supporting documentation




Preserving and sharing data through established repositories, such as data deposit fees necessary for making data available and accessible




Formatting data according to accepted community standards, or for transmission to and storage at a selected repository for long-term preservation and access




De-identifying data




Preparing metadata to foster discoverability, interpretation, and reuse



Local data management considerations, such as unique and specialized information infrastructure necessary to provide local management and preservation (for example, before deposit into an established repository)



If the Data Management & Sharing (DMS) plan proposes deposition to multiple repositories, costs associated with each proposed repository may be included



Budget requests must not include infrastructure costs that are included in institutional overhead (e.g., F&A costs) or costs associated with the routine conduct of research.