

Updates to IRDF Educational Operating Grants, Minor Project Grants and Major Project Grants

The intention of the updates to educational areas and expenses is to focus on livability, safety and education. The updates to minor project grants will allow the IRDF to support as many FSILG houses as possible.

The policies take effect starting July 1, 2021 for Grant Year 2022 Educational Operating Grants and for Minor Project Grants.

Educational Area Modifications

These updates are made to recognize that the primary educational space for most students is in their bedroom. Dedicated fully educational spaces, such as libraries and study rooms, will continue to be recognized as before. The IRDF Grant Advisory Board (GAB) will review educational areas for all houses and, if requested, will review building-specific educational space definitions.

These changes will increase the total Educational Space Percentage (Ed%) for most houses.

Updates

- Additional educational space will include 25 square feet per resident student, as documented by the academic year OMM (average of fall and spring semester).
- There will be a 27% maximum for total Ed% per house.
- No changes in prior assignable space calculations (as determined by Insite assessments on file at FCI) will be made unless in response to an IRDF-approved renovation or reconfiguration.

The Educational Area Percentage is calculated by:

$$\text{Ed\%} = (\text{Full_Room_Educational} + (25 \times \#_Students)) \div \text{Assignable Space}$$

Where:

Full_Room_Educational and Assignable Space values from the Insite Summary Table

And:

For EOGs, the #_Students value is limited to STUDENTS IN RESIDENCE during the academic year covered by the Grant Application Period. #_Students includes the resident GRA.

For all Project Grants, the #_Students value is that of the Residency Maximum on the Housing License.

Educational Operating Grants

EOG reimbursable expense categories have been modified to reduce impact of fixed expenses and encourage increase in quality-of-life and safety expenditures.

Educationally Proportional Expenses - reimbursed at 40% of Ed% of actual cost (no change).

Eliminated Categories:

- Lease (to external entity)
- Property Taxes
- Electricity
- Oil & Gas (& Steam)
- Water & Sewer
- Insurance (non-liability)
- Insurance (liability)

Retained Categories:

- Trash
- Roof & Envelope – includes window maintenance
- Central HVAC – maintenance
- Pest Control
- Elevator

Added Categories: Professional Services

- Professional facility management (e.g. FCI service, but not limited) – Cap of \$15,000 total expenses, receipts required
- Professional cleaning service – Cap of \$15,000 total expenses, receipts required
- Professional snow removal service – No cap, documentation of contract with service provider and receipts required
- Professional landscaping service – No cap, spring and fall maintenance, monthly maintenance, tree work. A single project of more than \$2000 requires pre-approval from the GAB
- Professional electrical expenses – No cap, receipts required
- Professional plumbing expenses – No cap, receipts required

Safety Expenses - reimbursed at 75% of actual cost (no change)

Educational Equipment - reimbursed at 75% of actual cost (no change)

Updates

- Limited to equipment only.
- Supplies are removed.

Minor Project Grants

Minor Project Grant Updates:

Educational area modifications (as above)

The maximum annual grant is reduced to \$50,000.

No Change:

Reimbursement not dependent on alum giving

Educational Area Proportional Expenses – Reimbursed at 40% of Ed% of actual cost

Eligible Safety Expenses – Reimbursed at 75% of actual cost

Eligible Accessibility Improvement Expenses – Reimbursed at 75% of actual cost

Eligible Educational Items – Reimbursed at 75% of actual cost

Eligible Historic Preservation & Restoration – 75% as approved by the ARB

The GAB will review eligibility of expenses if requested.

Major Project Grants

Major Project Grant Updates:

Major Project Grants will be available for projects with a grant application request of more than \$50,000.

Educational area modifications (as above)

No Change:

Reimbursement dependent on alum donations after 10% assignment of total gift amounts to IRDF Community Fund.

Educational Area Proportional Expenses – Reimbursed at 100% of Ed% of actual cost

Eligible Safety Expenses – Reimbursed at 100% of actual cost

Eligible Accessibility Improvement Expenses – Reimbursed at 100% of actual cost

Eligible Educational Items – Reimbursed at 100% of actual cost

Eligible Historic Preservation & Restoration – 100% as approved by the ARB

The GAB will review eligibility of expenses if requested.