

or matching. These rules apply whether cost-sharing or matching is required by Federal statute, awarding agency regulations, or by other provisions established by the specific grant agreement.

**§ 3015.51 Acceptable contributions and costs.**

A cost-sharing or a matching requirement may be satisfied after qualifications and exceptions are met in § 3015.52 and by satisfying either or both of the following:

(a) Allowable costs incurred by the recipient or by any subrecipient under the grant or subgrant. This includes allowable costs supported by non-Federal grants or by cash donations from non-Federal third parties. Allowable costs shall be determined in accordance with the cost principles set forth in Subpart T.

(b) The value of third party in-kind contributions applicable to the same period when a cost-sharing or matching requirement applies.

**§ 3015.52 Qualifications and exceptions.**

(a) *Costs supported by other Federal grants.* (1) A cost-sharing or a matching requirement shall not be met by costs supported by another Federal grant, except as provided by Federal statute. This exception however, does not apply to costs supported by general program income earned from a contract awarded under another Federal grant.

(2) For the purpose of this part, funds provided under General or Countercyclical Revenue Sharing Programs (31 U.S.C. 1221 *et seq.* and 42 U.S.C. 6721 *et seq.*) are not considered Federal grants. Therefore, allowable costs supported by these funds may be used to satisfy a cost-sharing or a matching requirement.

(b) *Costs or contributions applied towards other Federal cost-sharing requirements.* Recipient costs or the value of third party in-kind contributions shall not count towards satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement of a USDA grant if they are or will be counted towards satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement of another Federal grant, a Federal procure-

ment contract, or any other award of Federal funds.

(c) *Costs financed by general program income.* Costs financed by general program income as defined in Appendix A shall not count towards satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement of a USDA grant supporting the activity unless the provisions of the grant award expressly permit the income to be used for cost-sharing or matching purposes. (This is the alternative for use of general program income described in § 3015.41).

(d) *Services or property financed by income earned by contractors.* Contractors under a grant or subgrant may earn income from the activities carried out under the contract in addition to the amounts earned from the party awarding the contract. No costs of services or property supported by this income may count toward satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement unless other provisions of the grant award expressly permit this kind of income to be used to meet the requirement.

(e) *Records.* In order to count cost and third party in-kind contributions towards satisfying a cost-sharing or a matching requirement, there must be verification and accurate documentation from the records of recipients or cost-type contractors. These records shall show how the value placed on third party in-kind contributions was decided. Special standards and procedures for calculating these contributions are discussed in paragraph (f) of this section. Volunteer services, to the extent possible, shall be supported by the same pay procedures and rates employed by the organization when paying for similar work performed by its personnel.

(f) *Special standards for third party in-kind contributions—*(1) *Contributions to recipients or cost-type contractors.* A third party in-kind contribution to a recipient or cost-type contractor may count towards satisfying a cost-sharing or matching requirement only where, if the recipient or cost-type contractor were to pay for it, the payment would be an allowable cost.

(2) *Contributions to fixed-price contractors.* A third party in-kind contribution to a fixed-price contractor may count