

Calculating Match on Financial Assistance Awards

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Financial Assistance Awards

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Financial assistance awards are instruments that convey money or property from a funding agency, or sponsor, to a recipient for the purpose of accomplishing a certain task or tasks.

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Financial assistance awards can be in the form of grants, cooperative agreements or other legal instruments of conveyance.

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From what sources do they come?

They may come from any number of sources, including (but not limited to) private, state, universities, non-profits, local government or federal government.

For more information about federal financial assistance awards, see 2 CFR 200 at <http://www.ecfr.gov/>.

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Is the recipient required to contribute?

Financial assistance awards may require the recipient to contribute some of its own funds to the project. This recipient contribution is referred to as a match or cost-share, and becomes part of the total award.

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50/50

75/25

80/20

Formula

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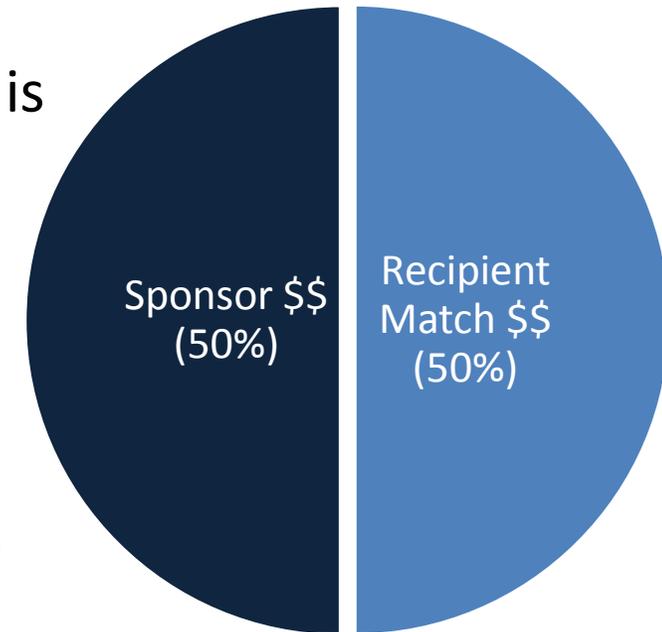
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Dollar-for-Dollar

If the sponsor/recipient match ratio is 50/50 (commonly called dollar-for-dollar match), then the sponsor contributes 50% and the recipient matches the other 50%.

Under certain conditions, the match may be provided by a third party rather than the recipient.



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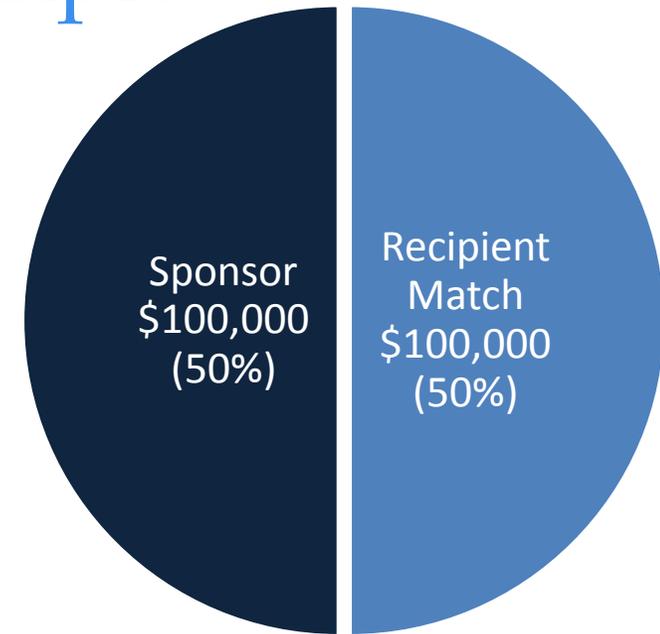
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Dollar-for-Dollar Example

If a sponsor contributes \$100,000 with a dollar-for-dollar (50/50) match ratio, the recipient match is \$100,000 and the total award is \$200,000.



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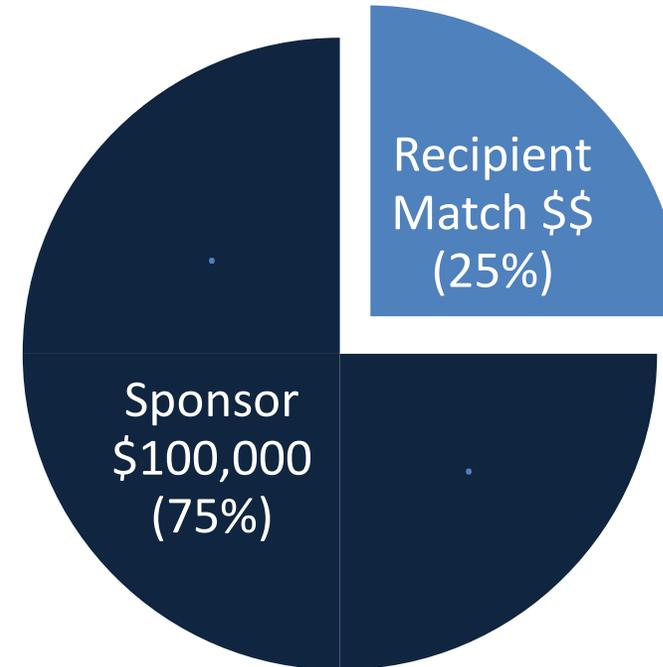
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What If the match ratio is 75/25, and the sponsor contributes \$100,000? How much is the total award and how much is the recipient match?



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75/25: How much is the total award?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total Award} &= \frac{\text{Sponsor Contribution \$}}{\text{Sponsor Contribution \%}} \\ &= \frac{\$100,000}{75\%} \\ &= \$133,333.33\end{aligned}$$

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75/25: How much is the recipient match?

Recipient Match = *Total Award – Sponsor Contribution*

= *\$133,333.33 - \$100,000.00*

= *\$33,333.33*

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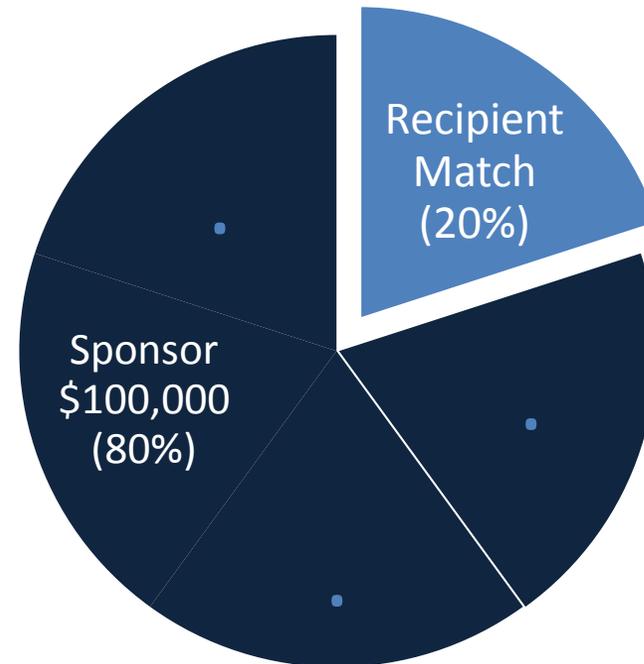
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What if the match ratio is 80/20 and the sponsor contributes \$100,000? How much is the total award and how much is the recipient match?



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80/20: How much is the total award?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total Award} &= \frac{\text{Sponsor Contribution \$}}{\text{Sponsor Contribution \%}} \\ &= \frac{\$100,000}{80\%} \\ &= \$125,000\end{aligned}$$

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80/20: How much is the recipient match?

Recipient Match = *Total Award – Sponsor Contribution*

= *\$125,000 - \$100,000.00*

= *\$25,000*

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Using these two simple formulas will enable anyone to properly calculate the total award and recipient match, regardless of the sponsor contribution amount or match ratio.

$$\text{Total Award} = \frac{\text{Sponsor Contribution \$}}{\text{Sponsor Contribution \%}}$$

$$\text{Recipient Match} = \text{Total Award} - \text{Sponsor Contribution}$$