

Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN)

Eligible Use of Funds:

Eligible expenses include costs and activities directly related to achieving the objectives for which the OCI funding was granted. All procurement activities must conform to the [Broader Public Sector Accountability Act \(BPSAA\)](#).

Eligible Expenses:

1. Actual costs directly attributable to and necessary for the completion of the project and are not wholly or partially for another purpose.
2. One-time costs, directly attributable to implementation of the project; actual cash outlays that must be documented through invoices, receipts, or records - and are subject to verification by an independent auditor.

Evidence of payment must be maintained for audit purposes. Costs incurred outside Ontario are ineligible unless otherwise approved by OCI.

Retroactive Expenses:

OCI will acknowledge expenses after the approval date. In cases where an application is not approved and activated, expenses are incurred at the risk of the Applicant.

Institutional Overhead:

This is an ineligible expense.

Public leverage of OVIN contribution:

Matching contributions from partners must be from private sources. OVIN's funding and/or partners' project contributions cannot be used to leverage other public funds (at the municipal, provincial, and federal level, including directly controlled entities) to support the same project activities and milestones.

Incurring revenues during project: The resources defined and employed to deliver a project financed by OVIN cannot be used to generate concurrent revenues from operations. OVIN programs support R&D activities only. This applies to all budget categories.

Contributions from outside Ontario: OCI will consider as eligible expenses partners' contributions towards R&D which originate from outside Ontario. This may only consist of commercial products and/or hardware and software. To be eligible, these contributions need to be used by the team in Ontario solely for the delivery of the project. Operating and capital costs terms apply.

Founder's Salary:

For a Start-up company, the maximum allowable full-time salary for a founder is \$5,000 per month. Please consult with your OCI Business Development Manager for details.

Capital Costs:

Capital items (fixed assets) include equipment, testing tools, and instruments that have residual values as determined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) at the end of the funding period. The eligible expense items allowed by OCI are the cost of utilization/depreciation of capital item (fixed assets) specifically required for the delivery of the eligible project. The prorated cost should be entered under "Operating Expenses" along with the justification.

Notes:

Eligible Expenditures Guide



GAAP is a collection of commonly followed accounting rules and standards for financial reporting. The purpose of GAAP is to ensure that financial reporting is transparent and consistent from one organization to another.

Residual Value of an asset, the estimated amount that it will be worth at the end of funding period.

Depreciation is the systematic reduction in the recorded cost of a fixed asset.

Travel outside of the province of Ontario requires a request for pre-approval from OCI which will include justification.

TRAVEL AND LIVING:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Travel expenses are explicitly project-related, represent the most economical option (economy fare, and standard hotel room) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Meals and incidentals ✗ Reimbursement for airfare purchased with personal frequent flyer points programs ✗ Commuting costs between residence and place of employment ✗ Passport and immigration fees

SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Incremental salary and benefits for company employees working exclusively on eligible project activities, to a maximum specified in the funding agreement with OCI (specify position and employment status) <p>Additional Limits & Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Salaries and benefits must only be claimed in proportion to the amount of time spent working directly on project activities ✓ The company shall be required to maintain timesheets or appropriate records for all employees working directly on the project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Costs related to proposal development (including staff)

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Eligible Expenses	Ineligible Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sub-contractor and consultant fees if approved by OCI management prior to the start of the project and if procured in accordance with the BPSAA Procurement Directive ✓ Research and development costs directly related to the project ✓ Project related computer hardware and software, including specialized hardware and software ✓ Cost of usage of equipment ✓ Cost of direct materials, necessary for specifically identified activities and measured as having been used for, the completion of the project ✓ Materials used for prototypes, configuring, testing production processes, systems, and training employees ✓ Cost involved in providing personnel with training and/or development in novel techniques required for the project for their role(s) ✓ Cost of moving project related equipment ✓ Cost of upgrade of project related equipment ✓ Capital lease of equipment (interest costs are not eligible) ✓ Project related leasehold improvement costs (prior OCI approval required) ✓ Sales and marketing cost attributed to the project ✓ Training costs directly attributable to the project ✓ Cost of regulatory compliance (up to maximum specified by OCI) ✓ Cost of professional services (legal, accounting, audit, and insurance) ✓ Cost related to the use of premises including rent, lease, and utilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Costs not directly associated with meeting the deliverables and milestones as specified in the funding agreement with OCI ✗ Expenses of a personal nature ✗ Ongoing cost of production ✗ Interest cost on capital leases ✗ General working capital requirement ✗ Costs related to staff awards and recognition ✗ Bonuses, dividends, and cash incentives ✗ Cost of merger and acquisition ✗ Monthly parking fees ✗ Meals and entertainment expenses, gifts, and alcoholic beverages ✗ Expenses associated with lobbying or government relations activities ✗ Tax expenses (including but not limited to sales taxes, tax filing, income taxes) ✗ Allowance for interest on invested capital, bonds, debentures, bank, or other loans together with related bond discounts and finance charges ✗ Infrastructure costs except IT related ✗ Tangible capital costs such as, but not limited to, land, buildings, and vehicles