

****VI. B. 3. Assigning Costs**

The Department will assign a cost, or a group of costs to one or more cost objective(s) in reasonable proportion to the relative benefit received or other equitable relationship. The standard is met if the cost is incurred specifically for the cost objective, benefits two or more cost objectives and can be distributed in proportions that may be approximated using reasonable methods and is necessary to the overall operation of the Department. Appropriate factors must be taken into account in selecting the method to be used in distributing cost objective groupings. The essential consideration in selecting groupings is that it be the one best suited for benefits derived; or with prudent and judicious logic and reason when a relationship is not determinable. If a cost benefits two or more projects or activities in proportions that cannot be determined because of the interrelationship of the work involved, then the costs may be allocated or transferred to benefitted projects on any reasonable documented basis."