

Plan Your Reporting Project: Paying for The Project

Key Points

- The costs for your reporting project depend mostly on the scope of the report and your goals as the sponsor. It is important to draft a budget for your reporting project that is based on a good understanding of all the work involved and realistic projections of the costs.
- One common and effective strategy is to approach health plans or providers to fund parts of the project, as they will benefit from seeing the comparisons of their own performance to that of their competitors.
- You may be able to limit your financial expenses significantly by partnering with major purchasers, government agencies, and/or foundations in your community. To learn about the benefits and challenges of partnering with other organizations, go to [Who Are Potential Partners?](#)

To learn more, go to [How Will You Pay For This Project?](#)

Questions and Tasks

- What are the costs associated with the project as you currently envision it? Account for all the major and minor functions required to produce your reporting project. (Review a list of budget categories.)
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 - Is your organization prepared to bear the financial burden of the project? Identify sources of funding or in-kind services within your organization. Note obvious sources as well as potential ones that could be tapped in the future.
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 - Identify all the local health plans and providers who will benefit from this reporting project. Devise a plan to approach them for funding and keep track of their responses, since you may want to contact them again after the project is up and running.
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 - Note potential sources of funding in your community (i.e., beyond plans and providers). Create a contact list, assign responsibility for outreach, and keep track of responses.
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- Learn more about how you can [Plan Your Reporting Project](#).
 - List [all topics in the Checklist](#).