

Payments in Excess of \$25,000 Policy

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Reason for Policy

The Research Foundation established this policy to ensure campuses have sufficient documentation for payments in excess of \$25,000.

Statement of Policy

The Research Foundation Board Policy EX 94-15, adopted November 7, 1994, requires that:

- the operations manager or a designee review documentation for payments exceeding \$25,000 to ensure that documentation is sufficient for payment to be made
- procedures are established for the review and authorization of all payments in excess of \$25,000 and the procedures are approved by the campus operations manager or designee
- Payments exceeding \$100,000 are countersigned by an authorized official at Central Office

Operating Location Management Review Process

An operating location management review of documentation accompanying payment authorization for payments over \$25,000 must be performed. The purpose of this review is to ensure that the payment is supported with sufficient and relevant documentation and that all required approvals have been received and are consistent with the RF guidelines for [Documenting Purchasing and Payment Activities](#).

The operations manager or designee performing the review must sign the documentation to indicate that the review has taken place and the documentation is sufficient for payment to be made.

Procedure Development

Procedures for documenting a management review for payments in excess of \$25,000 must be established by the operations manager. These procedures must contain a list of persons who are delegated the authority to review and approve payments in excess of \$25,000.

List of Authorized Operating Location Personnel

A list of persons authorized to perform the operating location management review must be submitted to the Compliance Office.

Operation Managers (OM's) must submit a completed Campus Delegation of Authority form through the [RF Compliance Management System](#) to designate key employees and individuals with specific authority. Additionally, the Operations Manager or designee must maintain record of completed detailed delegations for their operation location.

Payments in Excess of \$100,000

For all payments in excess of \$100,000, documentation supporting the payment must be forwarded to the Finance Office (Vendchecks@rfsuny.org) for review and the payment must be countersigned by an officer of the corporation or delegate prior to release.

Payments in Excess of \$1 million or more

For payments of \$1 million or more, an officer or specified delegate must sign the payment request prior to release.

Responsibilities

The following table outlines the responsibilities for compliance with this policy:

Responsible Party	Responsibility
Every individual who initiates, processes, reviews, approves or records financial transactions on behalf of the RF.	Responsible for administering this policy.

Definitions

None

Related Information

[Delegation of Authority Policy](#)

Forms

None

Document History

Date	Summary of Change
December 11, 2024	Policy reviewed.
August 3, 2022	Policy reviewed. Broken link updated.
December 18, 2018	Placed policy in new format; reviewed and updated for accuracy.
November 7, 1994	Policy created following board adoption.

Feedback

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