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Why is it advantageous for a recharge center to become a Rutgers Core center?	Since research core facilities charge federal grants, it helps them to be compliant with how their rates are calculated. Using a platform like iLAB will help them track their transactions better and articulate the value of their core to their administration to continue supporting them financially. If they become an approved research core, they would be eligible for core facility vouchers and equipment grants offered by the Office for Research (OfR) periodically. If they are a core, OfR can help them develop business plans, calculate appropriate recharge rates, and form governance committees that will advocate for the core. The activity of recharging internally is not allowed without review/approval from our offices. These types of expenses are reviewed at the proposal stage for a sponsored award and OfR does check for approval status before allowing these costs to be included in proposal budget submissions