

What are Participant Support Cost?

Participant support costs (as defined in 2 CFR 200.75) are direct costs for items such as stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences or training projects. Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) requires prior approval of the Federal Agency in order to incur Participant Support Costs under federally sponsored awards. The Participant Support Costs must be incurred within the period of performance of the project and be

Who is a Participant?

A participant is defined as a non -

What costs are not considered Participant Support Costs?

The intent of participant support is solely to provide financial assistance for participants to attend conferences and training. Participant Support Costs do not include honoraria for guest speakers, expenses for the PI, project staff or collaborators to attend project meetings, conferences, or seminars, payments to GRAs, or payments made to research subjects as an incentive for recruitment or participation in a research project. Costs for hosting the conference or training should be budgeted and charged to the parent budget.

- ▶ Uniform Guidance states that participant support costs are exempt from F and A on federally sponsored projects. For non-federal awards, sponsor specific and/or award-specific guidelines should be reviewed at the time of proposal to determine if F and A is allowable.
- ▶ Should be accounted for in a separate sub budget.
- ▶ Rebudgeting of Participant Support Costs to another budget category requires