Participant Support Costs
NSF Awards

Participant support costs 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 meetings, conferences, symposia or training projects.

Participant support costs are budgeted for in line F of the Budget Proposal and award. These funds may not be used for other categories of expense without a formal request through FastLane. All participant support costs are charged to accounting line 710025 in the grant account.

Project Directors need to indicate on paperwork being submitted to charge the grant that these items are Participant Support Costs, and use Account 710025. This ensures that all Participant Support Costs are charged correctly, and that Indirect Costs (which are not allowed on Participant Support Costs) are not taken on these amounts.

Project Directors are responsible for reviewing all charges monthly, to ensure that charges to their budget are correct. They are to contact their Grant Administrator right away if any changes are required.