

## Chico State Enterprises Announcements

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## Significant Changes in Federal Uniform Guidance – Announcement 2: Updated Federal Definition of Participant Costs

Dear CSE Project Directors,

In May 2024, [CSE notified the campus community](#) that significant changes in the Federal Uniform Guidance for federal assistance were approved. Some, but not all, of the guidance is effective 10/1/2024. This communication is to share with you information about changes in the federal guidance concerning the type of allowable expenses within the budget category “Participant Costs.” ([2- CFR-200.1](#)—“Participant” and “Participant Support Costs”.) The following types of expenses may now be included as Participant Costs in new proposals being submitted effective 10/1/2024.

The revised federal guidance states:

*“Participant generally means an individual participating in or attending program activities under a Federal award, such as trainings or conferences, but who is not responsible for implementation of the Federal award. Individuals committing effort to the development or delivery of program activities under a Federal award (such as consultants, project personnel, or staff members of a recipient or subrecipient) are not participants. Examples of participants may include community members participating in a community outreach program, members of the public whose perspectives or input are sought as part of a program, students, or conference attendees.*

*“Participant support costs means direct costs that support participants [defined above] and their involvement in a Federal award, such as stipends, subsistence allowances, travel allowances, registration fees, temporary dependent care, and per diem paid directly to or on behalf of participants.”*

The primary change, depending on the federal sponsor, is to expand the definition of “participants” to include community members or other members of the public who are providing valuable input or participation. Additionally, allowable participant support costs may now include reimbursement of temporary dependent care in specific instances related to participation in a federally-funded grant program.

Your CSE Proposal Development Specialist can assist with any questions as they work with you to create grant proposal budgets for programs to which these definitions and costs may apply.

CSE Management Team

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