The below information is best used in conjunction with FAQ #6 to help you assess when food related expenses are eligible be considered Participant Support Costs (PSC). Please review your award terms to determine if this type of cost is permitted under your award. Sponsor prior approval is required if this was not specifically budgeted in your awarded proposal. Please review the definition of “participant” prior to using the below assessment tool.

- Participant Food
- How is food provided?
- Participant Stipend
- Travel/Subsistence
  - Allowance for non-local participants
- Purchased directly on Participant’s behalf*
- Business Meals
  - Participants only
  - Eligible for consideration as PSC. Per diem payments should be reduced if meals are also purchased directly on participants behalf.
  - A combination of participants and non-participants
  - If there is a combination of both participants and non-participants, work with your RSP accountant to document and prorate the costs for participants as PSC.
- Other, such as purchased refreshments
  - Contact your RSP accountant to review PSC eligibility
  - Not eligible to be considered PSC.

*Payment mechanism does NOT determine PSC allowability.
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