

Travel Costs Under Federal Award

General: Travel costs are the expenses for transportation, lodging, food, and related items incurred by employees who travel on official business under a federal award. Such costs may be charged on an actual cost basis, or on a per diem mileage basis, or on a combination of the two, provided the method used is applied to an entire trip and not selected days of the trip.

Lodging and subsistence: Costs incurred by employees and officers for travel, including costs of lodging, other subsistence, and incidental expenses, shall be considered reasonable and otherwise allowable only to the extent such costs do not exceed charges normally allowed by the District in its regular operations. If these costs are charged directly to the federal award, the District will maintain documentation justifying the following:

1. Participation of the individual is necessary to the federal award; and
2. The costs are consistent with this policy and any related procedures.

Temporary dependent care costs above and beyond regular dependent care that directly results from travel to conferences are allowable provided that:

1. The costs are a direct result of the individual's travel for the federal award;
2. The costs are consistent with this policy and any related procedures; and
3. Are temporary, lasting only during the travel period.

Travel costs for dependents are unallowable, except for travel of duration of six months or more with prior approval of the federal awarding agency.

Commercial air travel: Airfare costs in excess of the basic, least expensive unrestricted accommodations class offered by commercial airlines are unallowable except when such accommodations would:

1. Require circuitous routing;
2. Require travel during unreasonable hours;
3. Excessively prolong travel;
4. Result in additional costs that would offset the transportation savings; or
5. Offer accommodations not reasonably adequate for the traveler's medical needs.

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Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-701 Fiscal Year – Payment and Accounting of Funds
 2 C.F.R. § 474 Travel Costs

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