

Allowable Costs Related to Participant Inclusion Activities

See [NIH GPS 7.9.1 Selected Items of Cost](#) for more details on allowable and unallowable costs

Item	Examples
Advertising and Public Relations	<p>Advertising: community activities to communicate the grant-supported research activities, such as creating/distributing flyers to advertise a clinical research study.</p> <p>Public relations: townhalls, press interviews, or other meetings to discuss grant-supported research activities and their results.</p>
Child Care Costs	Providing childcare at the research site or reimbursing expenses which are necessary for childcare.
Incentive Costs	A gift card to volunteers or patients participating in an NIH-funded clinical trial.
Meals	Providing meals to compensate participants for time spent on grant-supported research activities.
Nursery Items	Providing toys, books, and other items to make waiting rooms/waiting times more conducive to children of research participants. <i>Note:</i> Recipients should consider utilizing this item in conjunction with allowable childcare costs (see the item above).
Pre-Award (Pre-Agreement) Costs	Recipients at their own risk may consider if pre-award costs may be appropriate to initiate research planning activities prior to receiving the Notice of Award (NoA), such as fostering community relationships or establishing scientific, advisory, and other committees.
Publication and Printing Costs	Creating participant and/or community media outreach, such as brochures or newsletters, to provide research updates and opportunities for participation.
Research Patient Care	Clinical services that are included in the research activities or protocol, such as blood draws or imaging.
Travel/Research Patients	<p>Reimbursing participants for transportation costs to the site of the research study (e.g., a hospital where the patient will undergo diagnostic testing as part of the grant-supported research).</p> <p>Setting up a system to transport study participants for grant-supported research visits.</p>