Financial On-Line Reporting
Outline of Financial Reimbursement Topics

- Bridging the Program/Finance Divide
- The Reimbursement Request Process/Helpful Tips
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- Reimbursement Requests by Category
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  - Personnel
  - Fringe Benefits
  - Equipment
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  - Local Travel
  - Contracts/Consultants
  - Other Costs
- Examples of Allowable vs. Unallowable Costs
- Review the online reporting site
Finance and Reimbursement
Reimbursement Request Process

- Reimbursements must be submitted according to the following schedule. Not doing so may place the Club in non-compliance status.

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Quiz!

• My role is to do finances, so the LOA doesn’t really apply to me and I don’t need a copy of it. True or False?

False
Reimbursement Request Process

FirstPic, Inc. reviews request
(1st and 2nd level review)

Approved

Progresses for NCAI Review
(3rd/final level review)

Returned to Club for correction
Reimbursement Request Process

Returned to Club for correction

Club addresses/corrects issues noted by 1st or 2nd level reviewer and resubmits

Progresses for NCAI Review (3rd/final level review)

Request reviewed by FirstPic, Inc.

Approved

Returned to Club for further corrections
Reimbursement Request Process

- NCAI reviews request
  - Approved for payment
  - Additional/Clarifying Information Requested
    - Clarification provided to NCAI by 2nd level reviewer
    - Returned to Club for correction
Helpful Tips for Submitting a Successful Reimbursement Request
Helpful Tips for Successful Reimbursement Request

- Reporting dates for reimbursement requests need to be determined according to **pay periods**, which are not necessarily calendar months. Pay period dates **must** match reporting dates.

- If insurance costs were included in your budget, request dates need to begin and end as close to the first and last of the month as possible, based on pay period dates.

- Reporting dates for reimbursement requests should not overlap.

- Maximum of 10 pay periods per reimbursement request.

- Attachments must be uploaded as PDFs. **Size limit: 10 MB**

- Expenses need to be entered into the correct line items.
Helpful Tips for Successful Reimbursement Request

- Include required summary sheet when submitting three (3) or more receipts for the same line item.

- Include proper and complete supporting documentation.
  - Itemized receipts
  - Proof of payment
  - Time sheets/activity reports – signed by employee and supervisor
  - Proper payroll documentation

- Amounts entered need to match supporting documentation.

- Necessary information is provided in the notes section.

- Be sure that total hours listed on time sheets/activity reports match hours documented on payroll documentation.
Helpful Tips for Successful Reimbursement Request

- Documentation needs to show:
  - Exactly *what* was purchased
  - Exactly *when* it was purchased
  - *Proof* that *payment* was made
Required Information and Documentation

- Proof of payment must accompany every request that is submitted. Proof of payment may be a copy of a cancelled check, a credit card receipt, or a bank/credit card statement entry showing payment.

- Proof of payment is *not* the same thing as verification of what was purchased. An *itemized* receipt or invoice is also required for reimbursement.

- Providing receipts that are legible is critical.

- The date needs to be clearly visible on each receipt and invoice.
Required Information and Documentation

If you submit **three** or more receipts for a given line item, you must provide a complete summary document. This will greatly increase the efficiency of processing the request for approval and payment.

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<th>Purchase Date</th>
<th>Vendor</th>
<th>Healthy Foods</th>
<th>Office/Program</th>
<th>Physical Activity</th>
<th>Non-T.R.A.I.L.</th>
<th>Receipt Total</th>
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<td>$65.75</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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Required Information and Documentation

- Information needs to be provided in the notes regarding the purpose of the supplies purchased as they related to the T.R.A.I.L. program/participants. Include the purpose of the expense as well as a breakout of how the amount was calculated (if necessary) in the notes.

- Communication between program staff and financial staff is critical in order to have the required narrative in the notes to support the claims.
NCAI and FirstPic, Inc. are committed to maintaining the highest level of fiscal responsibility with the federal funds awarded through this grant.

While T.R.A.I.L. is a program that should be fun for the participants, we want to make sure that all activities and events focus on the educational outcomes and initiatives of the program.

Please remember that prizes, giveaways, parties, decorations, and incentives are not allowable costs with T.R.A.I.L. program funds.
Quiz!

The Club purchased soccer balls and basketballs under the Physical Activity Supplies line item in their approved budget. Which comment below would be the best information to enter into the notes section of the applicable reimbursement request?

a) We purchased soccer balls and basketballs.
b) No comment needed.
c) We purchased soccer balls and basketballs for use at the Club.
d) We purchased soccer balls and basketballs for use by the T.R.A.I.L. participants to support the physical activity part of the program.
A Tale of Two Wal-Mart Receipts
# ITEMS SOLD 80

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<th>Description</th>
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**Total** 160.15

### WALMART CREDIT TEND

3.73
0.94
0.94
0.94
2.52
1.74
2.71

### CHANGE DUE 0.00

$32.03
Good Receipt

This is a good receipt because:

1. Items not charged to the grant are crossed off

2. The purpose of some of the items purchased is clarified

3. Unidentifiable items are identified

4. An adding tape totaling items being charged to the grant is included
Bad Receipt

This is a bad receipt because:

1. Portions are not readable

2. Sub-totals are included but it is not clear what items are included in each sub-total

3. Several items on the receipt are unidentifiable
Online Reporting Site
Site Access

- Online Reporting Site
  [https://firstpic.force.com/trail](https://firstpic.force.com/trail)
- Google Chrome is the recommended browser
- Login information will be (or has been) emailed from support@firstpic.org
- User Name = Your email address
- Password = You will set it using the link in the email
- Please reach out to a FirstPic staff member if you are unable to access the online reporting site.
How to Develop a Reimbursement Request
Reimbursement Requests

- Only items that were included in your approved budget may be submitted for reimbursement.

- If you are unsure about something being on your approved budget, contact FirstPic, Inc. prior to making the purchase to verify.
Creating Reimbursement Requests in the online reporting site

There are two ways that you may create a new reimbursement request in the online reporting site. The following slides will walk you through both ways to start a new request.
Creating a request from the Reimbursements tab.

From the Dashboard, click the ‘Reimbursements’ tab to create a new reimbursement request or access current reimbursement requests.
Select the grant number for the appropriate grant year. The online reporting site will automatically default to the most current grant year.

Click “Create Reimbursement” to begin a new reimbursement request.
From the Dashboard, click the ‘Sub-Grants’ tab.

Creating a request from the Sub-Grants tab.
Select the appropriate sub-grant.

**Please note:** You will not be able to create a new reimbursement request if your budget is not in “Approved” status.
Scroll to the bottom of the page and click “Create Reimbursement” to begin a new reimbursement request.
Enter the date range for your request. (Based on pay period start and end dates included in the request.) Enter the number of pay periods that the request will cover.

Click Next to continue. (This will automatically save this information.)

If at anytime you need to step away and continue later, just click on “Save and Exit”
Personnel
For salaried employees, enter their total regular pay for this pay period.

Enter the total number of hours each employee worked this pay period and the number of those hours worked on the program.

For Hourly employees, enter their hourly rate.

Ensure this designation is right; correct as necessary.
Click “Update Amounts” and the system will update the “% Time on Grant this Pay period” and the “Total Pay Requested” for each employee.
Click the “+” to the right of a line item to add any applicable notes or clarifications.

Line item notes are not required in this section, unless there is something specific that may need clarified (a staffing change, pro-rating a salary, etc.).
Enter your notes in the box. Click Save.
Click the “Upload Attachment” button to attach the required supporting documentation. You must upload a ‘Timesheet’ and ‘Payroll’ document for each pay period before moving on to the next pay period. **Please Note:** You may scan and upload all employee timesheets for the pay period in one “Timesheet” document and all employee payroll documents for the pay period in one “Payroll” document.

If scanning and uploading all timesheets together and all payroll documents together, please put documents in the same order as staff appear on the reimbursement request in order to help expedite processing by the reviewers.
Select the type of document you are uploading: payroll or timesheet.

No notes are needed here.

Click “Upload New Attachment”
Click “Choose File” to select the file to upload. The file must be a pdf.

If you would like to rename the file for the upload (this is optional), type in the new name here. (If renaming, please include .pdf at the end of the name)

Once you have selected the file, make sure you click “Upload.”

When you are done, click “Close.”

Once back on the main screen, click here to upload another attachment.

You will receive a confirmation message if your upload was successful.
To edit an upload click the pencil icon in the Edit column.

To delete an attachment, click the circled x to the left of the Name.

When you have finished on this personnel page, click “Next” to continue.
You will repeat the previous steps for each pay period within the request.
Personnel

- You should only split pay periods at the beginning and end of the grant cycle, and at the end of the calendar year.

- The corresponding position titles from your approved budget must be clearly associated with the staff names being submitted for reimbursement. (Position titles written directly on the pay stub/payroll ledger or time sheet/activity report.)

- Submit the payroll information (pay stub or payroll ledger) for each pay period covered in the reimbursement request. Payroll information must be uploaded specific to the pay period for which time is being requested.

- Pay period start and end dates need to be clearly identified on the payroll supporting documentation submitted.
Personnel

- Time cards or activity reports are needed for **ALL** employees. Time worked on T.R.A.I.L. needs to be **clearly identified** and correspond with hours being entered on the request. (Note: Federal funds cannot be used to pay overtime.)

- Total hours worked on time cards/activity reports must match total hours worked indicated on the payroll document.

- Time cards/activity reports must be uploaded specific to the pay period for which time is being requested.

- Time cards/activity reports **must** be signed by both the employee and supervisor.

- Leave time (sick, vacation, holiday, etc.) for hourly employees who do not work 100% on the T.R.A.I.L. program may not be reimbursed from T.R.A.I.L. funds.

- The maximum percentage of time that can be claimed for personnel providing administrative support is 10%. (e.g., CEO, finance staff, etc.)
Personnel

- Personnel costs will be entered separately for each pay period.

- Reimbursement requests for **salaried** employees will be entered as:
  1. total number of hours worked during the pay period
  2. total number of hours worked on T.R.A.I.L. during the pay period
  3. ensure hourly/salary designation is correct, change if necessary
  4. total regular gross salary for the pay period
  5. enter notes if applicable

- Reimbursement requests for **hourly** employees will be entered as:
  1. total number of hours worked during the pay period
  2. total number of hours worked on T.R.A.I.L. during the pay period
  3. ensure hourly/salary designation is correct, change if necessary
  4. the employee’s hourly wage
  5. enter notes if applicable
Personnel

- Entries for multiple pay periods within a request need to be entered in chronological order.
  (e.g., 9/2 – 9/15 Pay Period 1; 9/16 – 9/29 Pay Period 2; 9/30 – 10/13 Pay Period 3)

- If the percentage of time (salaried) or number of hours worked (hourly) differs greatly from what is listed on the approved budget, an explanation needs to be entered into the notes.

- If a staffing change occurs, an explanation needs to be entered into the notes regarding the staffing change.

- It is very helpful for reviewers processing a request if supporting documents are scanned in the same order that staff are listed on the request.
Fringe Benefits
After you have completed all personnel entries for all pay periods in the request, you will come to Fringe Benefits. These amounts will be auto-calculated from the information entered in the Personnel section(s).
Please Note: Only fringe included in the approved budget can be entered. Fringe categories not included in the approved budget cannot be entered and will appear light grey.

In the top line, enter the appropriate premium amount for the full request period.

In the second line, enter percentage based fringe. Please make sure the percentages being requested for WC, SUTA, etc. match the supporting documentation that is attached to the approved budget.

Upload supporting documentation for any insurances included in the request.

When you have finished on this page, click “Next” to continue.
Fringe Benefits

- Fringe paid as a set amount each month, e.g., medical and dental premiums, will be entered as:
  - The applicable monthly premium amount (less employee contributions) for the reimbursement request period
    ✓ The system will calculate the reimbursable amount for percentage of time worked on the program based on the entry in Personnel.

- If costs are adjusted (e.g., subtracting employee contributions), an explanation needs to be provided in the notes or directly on the supporting documentation.

- Documentation is required that identifies benefits claimed.

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Fringe Benefits

- Fringe paid out based on percentage of salary will be entered as:
  - The applicable fringe rate percentage (e.g., 7.65% FICA)
    - The system will calculate the reimbursable amount based on the costs being reimbursed in Personnel.

- Rates such as WC, SUTA, etc. that are being requested **must** match the supporting documentation attached to the budget for these percentages.

- If the covered period of time on the documentation showing your WC, SUTA, etc. rates expires before 8/31/2019, new documentation will need to be uploaded to your budget verifying the correct rate.

- Supporting documentation for rates such as WC, SUTA, etc. must also be uploaded directly to the reimbursement request.

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EXPENSES
After you have completed the Fringe Benefits, you will come to Expenses.

Expense Categories and Items will be pulled in from the approved budget.
Enter the Rate ($) and Quantity (number of items) for the items you are requesting. Please note: When purchasing a variety of items as with Healthy Foods or Supplies, this may be entered as total lump sum cost (rate) with 1 (quantity).

Notes are required indicating how the expense related to/supported/was used for the implementation of the T.R.A.I.L. program. Any special clarifications regarding the expense would also be included here.
Click here to upload appropriate supporting documentation for each line item as applicable. Please Note: Only supporting documentation relevant to the line item should be uploaded.
If you would like to rename the file for the upload (this is optional), type in the new name here. (If renaming, please include .pdf at the end of the name)

Click “Choose File” to select the file to upload. **The file must be a pdf.**

Once you have selected the file, make sure you click “Upload.”

When you are done, click “Close.”

You will receive a confirmation message if your upload was successful. Repeat as necessary to upload multiple documents.
The attachment will appear next to the line item notes once it has been uploaded correctly.
You can check your request totals here.

When you have finished, click “Review and Submit.”
Once you click “Review and Submit,” you will see a review screen for your total request. Please review to ensure all items are entered correctly, notes are included where required, and all supporting documentation is uploaded correctly. If everything is correct, hit “Submit.” Otherwise scroll down to the bottom of the page and click “Edit.”
Once you hit submit, the Status will change to “Pending First Approval.”
The request will now be listed as “Pending Approval” on the Reimbursements page. If it is sent back for revisions, it will be listed as “Revisions Needed.” Once it is approved, it will be listed as “Approved.”

To see exactly which level of approval the reimbursement request is at, open the reimbursement request by clicking on the “Request ID.”
After clicking “Request ID” on the reimbursement request page, the reimbursement request will open. The current level of approval for your reimbursement request is reflected where the page says “Status.”
Equipment
Equipment

- Service contracts on equipment are **not** allowable expenses.

- The purpose of purchasing equipment with grant funds is for use with the T.R.A.I.L. program.
  - **Please** purchase equipment on your approved budget as soon as your budget is approved.

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Supplies
Supplies

- Receipts need to *clearly* identify what was purchased, not just an item number or invoice number, as well as the purchase date. Clarify any items not *completely identifiable* on a receipt.

- All supporting documentation needs to be attached specifically to the line item for which expenses are being requested. (i.e., Healthy Snacks documentation is uploaded to the ‘Healthy Snacks’ line item.)

- All purchases must be reasonable and cost effective. You should be able to justify all purchases and relate these purchases to the effective implementation of the T.R.A.I.L. program.

- Information needs to be provided in the line item notes regarding the purpose of the supplies as relates to the T.R.A.I.L. program. (e.g., The food items purchased at Sam’s Club were healthy snacks for our T.R.A.I.L. participants during weekly sessions.)
Supplies

- Generally, “supplies” include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the program and nonexpendable items under $500.

- Supplies may include:
  - Healthy snacks and beverages for T.R.A.I.L. participants. (refer to the allowable/non-allowable list provided)
  - Physical Activity supplies, such as jump ropes, hula hoops, Frisbees, balls, etc.
  - Office supplies, such as poster board, copies of handouts and newsletters, markers, printer cartridges, etc.

- **Remember**: Single items costing $75 or more must have their own line item in the approved budget. (except: printer cartridges)

*Only reimbursable if it is in your approved budget.*
Travel
Travel

National Training

- Mileage (R/T airport or R/T training as applicable)
  - mileage log/Google map needed
  - travel by personnel vehicle - maximum $0.58/mile
  - travel by Club vehicle - gas receipts needed
- Taxi/shuttle/Uber to and from the airport
- Baggage fees - standard charged by airline
- Airport parking

*Itemized* receipts are needed for all expenses, with the exception of mileage.

*Only reimbursable if it is in your approved budget.*
Travel

- **Personal Vehicle:** A mileage log is required that shows the actual mileage incurred, date, and the purpose of the travel.

- Clubs will be reimbursed in accordance with the current federal mileage rate ($0.58/mile), unless your site has a lower mileage reimbursement rate that you are required to use.
  - You will be notified by FirstPic, Inc. if this rate changes during the award period.

- The federal mileage rate includes fuel. You cannot claim fuel separately.

- **Club Vehicle:** sites will be reimbursed for gas, not mileage. A travel log is required showing mileage, date, purpose of travel, type of vehicle (e.g., car, mini-van, full size van, etc.) as well as gas receipts.

- Amount requested for reimbursement should reasonably reflect amount of gas used for mileage incurred.

*Only reimbursable if it is in your approved budget.*
Contracts/Consultants
Contracts/Consultants

- Include information in the notes regarding how the service related to/supported the T.R.A.I.L. initiative.

- A copy of the contract or invoice for payment, and proof of payment must be submitted.

- Contract or invoice needs to state:
  - Dates for services provided;
  - Number of hours (per/day, week, month) to perform these services;
  - Description of services; and
  - Rate for these services.

  (Fee cannot exceed $650 for an 8 hr. day or $81.25/hr.)

*Only reimbursable if it is in your approved budget.
Other Costs

FieldTrip!
Other Costs

- Information must be provided in the line item notes explaining, in detail, how the event supported the T.R.A.I.L. initiative and met program requirements.

*Only reimbursable if it is in your approved budget.*
Quiz!

What type of expenses require a comment in the notes connecting the expense to the T.R.A.I.L. program/T.R.A.I.L. participants?

a) Personnel and Fringe
b) Equipment and Supplies
c) Travel, Contract Specialists, Other Costs
d) b and c
e) All of the above
Examples of Allowable & Unallowable Costs

PERSONNEL
Allowed: Part-time staff person to serve as the T.R.A.I.L. Program Coordinator (per your LOA). Maximum of 10% of salary for administrative personnel.

FRINGE BENEFITS
Allowed: Benefits paid by the employer. (based on single policy rates)

EQUIPMENT
Allowed: cost should be reasonable (may not exceed $1,000; however; less than $800 preferred)

Not Allowed: Anything permanently affixed to the ground or building; service contracts.
**Examples of Allowable & Unallowable Costs**

**SUPPLIES**

*Allowed:* healthy snacks, office supplies, sporting/physical activity supplies, and supplies necessary to implement the T.R.A.I.L. Program and curriculum.

Reference NAClubs.org for examples of non-allowable snack foods and suggested alternatives.

*Not Allowed:* tips, anything associated with fundraising, hats, caps, backpacks, giveaways, decorations, etc.

**TRAVEL**

*Allowed:* Any local travel associated with the T.R.A.I.L. Program and curriculum. Specific expenses for travel to required National Training.

*Not Allowed:* You may not be reimbursed for both mileage and gas.
Examples of Allowable & Unallowable Costs

**CONTRACTORS**

**Allowed:** Contractors can be paid a maximum of $650/8 hour day at a rate of $81.25/hour.

**SPECIAL EVENTS/OTHER COSTS**

**Allowed:** Any reasonable event that highlights the T.R.A.I.L. program. Bowling, skating, swimming, activities involving physical activity, activities that involve learning about good nutrition, etc.

**Not Allowed:** Bounce house rentals, expenses related to non-T.R.A.I.L. participants.
Budget Monitoring
Quiz!

When is a good time to check your budget/spending to see if you should submit for a budget modification to ensure the ability to spend out the entire grant?

a) 2 weeks before the end of the grant period
b) 3 months before the end of the grant period
c) Never
d) When you have received at least 10 emails from FirstPic asking if you’re going to submit a budget modification
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