

510 Business Expenses and Reimbursements*Effective Date: 08/01/2022*

We will reimburse you for reasonable business expenses you incur while performing work, including expenses incurred while travelling for work purposes. The reimbursement rate is set by the County Commission and follows the state reimbursement rate or the federal reimbursement rate, whichever is greater. All business travel must be approved in advance by your Department Head.

We reimburse the actual costs of travel, meals, lodging, and other expenses directly related to accomplishing your job duties. You must limit all such expenses to reasonable amounts. We will provide per diem for meals when you are away from your normal place of employment for a minimum of four (4) hours. However, meals within the County, while attending formal meetings required by your Department Head, or attending conferences directly related to work, and you are restricted from leaving the conference or meeting, will be reimbursed. You cannot claim a meal for reimbursement if it was provided to you or if you were not away from your normal work location for at least four (4) hours. Reimbursement for in-county meals will be at the actual expense, not to exceed the state rate.

You should submit completed expense reports within 60 days of incurring the expense or by December 31, whichever is sooner. Reports must include receipts for each separate expense, other than for meals, which will be paid for using the per diem. For those submitting expense vouchers, expenses shall not be reimbursed by any other governmental agency or business. Payment of travel expenses over \$100 will be reimbursed as soon as vouchers are processed. Payment under \$100 will be made monthly.

If you can save substantial transportation costs by incurring additional meals/lodging, you are encouraged to travel at the lowest overall cost. If you choose to travel in an alternative method, you are responsible for payment of the difference of any cost and any additional travel time must use accrued annual leave.

If you travel for business purposes and are accompanied by family, a spouse, or a significant other, you are responsible for any costs associated with your travel companions.

Contact your supervisor for guidance and assistance on procedures related to expense reports, reimbursement for specific expenses, or business travel issues.

Training Time

All time spent in training that is required and approved by your supervisor is considered as time worked for non-exempt employees. Travel to and from such required training will be compensable if located outside the Fargo/Moorhead area.