

Questions and Answers

Q: Are county plans available?

A: County plans are available upon request. Here's how you can access [CDSS State Plans](#).

Q: Are the 50 percent additional administrative services also known as 50/50 administrative (admin) match?

A: Yes.

Q: Is information available about which community colleges in the state are currently participating in Fresh Success?

A: Yes. Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, Foothill-De Anza Community College District: Occupational Training Institute (OTI), Gavilan Joint Community College, and Cosumnes River College are currently participating in Fresh Success. For more information visit: [Fresh Success Providers](#)

Q: Would it be possible to model the E&T funding exchanges to help us better understand the 50% and 100% funding?

A: 100% funds are more like a grant (12 million dollars, small share of general program support distributed out the counties), most funding is reimbursement that providers accrue from providing services. The reimbursement is 50% back on the costs you incur, and those costs are uncapped.

**Only non-federal funds spent for CalFresh participants are eligible to be reimbursed at 50%.*

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Q: Are state demographics available by county for the number of immigrants and refugees?

A: Demographic information by county and program can be found on the [CDSSS Data Portal](#). More information can also be found at the [Public Policy Institute of California](#).

Q: Will there be a specific training for county fiscal units to better understand that side of the program?

A: Technical Assistance (TA) efforts are currently under development.

Q: What are the caps on amount of the funds that can go to administrative and/or staff costs?

A: If reasonable and necessary, a “cap” would depend on the funding source. The 100% funding stream is a capped allocation. The 50% funding stream is open ended as long as the funds are non-federal in source.

Q: Is subsidized employment an allowable cost in CalFresh E&T?

A: No, subsidized employment is not an allowable cost in CalFresh E&T. Paid work experience is allowable, but the wages are not eligible for reimbursement-only the cost of the actual training would be eligible for reimbursement.

Q: Is there any consolidated resource out there that has examples of CFET models that utilize the 50/50?

A: Consolidated TA materials are under development.

Q: Will the 50% reimbursement pay for the assessment of clients who may not be employable?

A: Yes.

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Q: How is abled-bodied defined?

A: Able-Bodied Adult without Dependent (ABAWD) is anyone that answers “yes” to all of the following questions:

- Are you receiving CalFresh benefits in San Francisco, San Mateo, or Santa Clara County?
- Are you able to work?
- Are you between the ages of 18 and 49?
- Do you NOT live with a child under the age of 18?

If an individual answers YES to all these questions, they may have to follow new ABAWD rules to keep their CalFresh benefits.

More information is available on the CDSS website: [Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents](#).

Additional Resource:

- California Department of Social Services Guidance | [Inclusion of CalFresh E&T and Immigration/Refugee Programs](#).
- California Workforce Development Board | [Plans and Policies](#).