

Client Activity Fund & Co-Chair Stipends Fiscal Year 2024-25



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►► Overview

- Client Activity Fund (CAF) and Co-Chair stipends are designed to encourage the increased active participation of consumers, family members, and those with lived mental health and substance use experience at formal stakeholder meetings.
- CAF Participants are reimbursed at the rate of \$50 per meeting up to three meetings per month.
- Co-Chairs are eligible to receive a fixed monthly amount of \$150 for their service.
- Funds are intended to offset the costs associated with meeting attendance such as transportation, food and childcare.

►► Eligibility

- All individuals interested in receiving either a CAF or Co-Chair stipend must:
 - Register as an LA County vendor,
 - Complete an application,
 - Have a valid social security number, and
 - Sign the attestation at the end of the CAF Guidelines certifying they have read and understand the rules and regulations contained within.

▶▶ CAF REIMBURSABLE MEETINGS

- Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Community Planning Team (CPT)
- Service Area Leadership Teams (SALT)
- Underserved Cultural Communities (UsCC)
- Cultural Competency Committee (CCC)
- Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) Full Commission and Executive Committee
- Faith Based Advisory Council (FBAC)

**Co-Chairs elected to the SALTs, UsCCs ,CCC and the FBAC are stipend eligible.*

►► Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Expenditures and Participation

Month	Co-Chairs	CAF Participants Meeting	Total
July	\$3,900.00	\$2,100.00	\$6,000.00
August	\$4,050.00	\$2,150.00	\$6,200.00
September	\$4,050.00	\$2,050.00	\$6,100.00
October	\$4,200.00	\$2,050.00	\$6,250.00
November	\$4,050.00	\$2,100.00	\$6,150.00
December	\$4,050.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,250.00
January	\$3,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$5,500.00
February	\$3,750.00	\$2,150.00	\$5,900.00
March	\$3,750.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,550.00
April	\$3,750.00	\$1,650.00	\$5,400.00
May	\$3,750.00	\$850.00	\$4,600.00
June	\$3,750.00	\$150.00	\$3,900.00
Total:	\$46,800.00	\$20,000.00	\$66,800.00

- Currently, 29 individuals who identify as consumers, family members of consumers, and having lived experience consistently participate in the CAF program.
- 25 Co-Chairs elect to receive the monthly stipend.

►► Outreach efforts

The expansion of the CPT, driven by BHSA, has led to renewed outreach efforts, including:

- Reminders about the CAF program issued regularly at SALT, UsCC, FBAC, BHC and CPT meetings.
- Our partners with the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Bureau (SAPC) are taking an active role recruiting new participants into the program, including stakeholders traditionally associated with the substance use disorder community.
- During FY2024-25, CAF and Co-Chair orientations held on August 6, 2024, October 15, 2024, and April 2, 2025.
 - Approximately 250 individuals participated across all three orientation trainings.
- The next CAF and Co-Chair orientation is scheduled for July 15, 2025.

THANK YOU

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