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MEMORANDUM

TO: REGION / LOCAL / UNIT PRESIDENTS

FROM: NICOLE MEEKS, STATEWIDE TREASURER

DATE: JULY 2024

SUBJ: 2024-25 BUDGET AND REPORTING INFORMATION

The current fiscal year is coming to a close soon and in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year (October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025) the information in this mailing will assist your Region/Local/Unit in preparing, approving, and filing the required 2024-25 Budget.

The CSEA Financial Standards Code Article V states union money may be spent only under the guidelines established by the purpose and policy set forth in this Code and only after proper authorization. This authorization must come from one of the sources outlined in this Article. Section 4 of the Article states the spending of union money may be authorized by a vote of the subordinate's Executive Board and all such authorizations shall be entered in the minutes and therefore the minutes themselves are to be considered part of the financial records. This authorization may be made in any one of the following manners:

A. By approval of the annual Budget;

- B. By motion properly made, carried, and entered into the minutes authorizing the expenditure of a specific amount (or "not to exceed" a specific amount) for a specific purpose not considered in the approval of the annual Budget;
- C. By motion properly made, carried, and entered into the minutes authorizing the regular payment of recurring obligations; and
- D. By motion properly made, carried, and entered into the minutes authorizing the officers to enter into a purchase or service contract (having been reviewed by CSEA Statewide Counsel first).

In accordance with the CSEA *Region/Local/Unit Constitution*, as Region/Local/Unit President, it is your responsibility to appoint a Budget Committee and an Audit Committee in a timely manner to ensure completion of the 2024-25 Budget and 2024 Audit Report.

The Region/Local/Unit Treasurer should always be an officer liaison to the Budget Committee and may act as Budget Committee Chairperson if necessary. Keep in mind, however, that the Audit Committee must consist of at least three members, **none of whom shall be officers**, of the Region/Local/Unit. The past officers cannot be members of the Audit Committee if they are auditing records that occurred during the time they were an officer; one cannot audit records they had responsibility as an officer in overseeing.

To assist the Budget Committee in determining proposed spending on CSEA events, the **anticipated** lodging costs of CSEA events that will be held during the 2024-25 fiscal year are:

Retiree Delegate Meeting

Dates: August 20, 2024 – August 22, 2024

Location: Albany, NY

Rates: Crowne Plaza - \$174/Night

CSEA 2024 Annual Delegates Meeting

Dates: October 6, 2024 - October 11, 2024

Location: New York City

Rates: Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel - \$449.00/Night

Women's Conference

Dates: April 25, 2025 – April 27, 2025

Location: Tarrytown, NY

Rates: Westchester Marriott - \$195 King or Two Double Beds/Night

Sheraton Tarrytown (Overflow) - \$215 Double/Night \$205 King/Night

CSEA 2025 Annual Delegates Meeting

Dates: October 19, 2025 - October 24, 2025

Location: Niagara Falls, NY

Rates: Sheraton Niagara Falls - \$139/Night

Hyatt Place Niagara Falls (Overflow) - \$149/Night Holiday Inn Niagara Falls (Overflow) - \$135/Night \$165 Standard/Night w/1 Adult Breakfast \$195 Standard/Night w/2 Adult Breakfasts

Wyndham Niagara Falls (Overflow) - \$119 Standard/Night

Travel and miscellaneous allowances authorized by the Executive Board must be considered when calculating expenditures for CSEA events; the **mileage reimbursement rate is** <u>currently</u> **67 cents per mile**.

Each Region also sponsors workshops and conferences during the year and consideration should be given to the projected expenditures for participating at these events as well as when preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

At this time, I take the opportunity to report that the <u>maximum</u> that can be approved for <u>nonchargeable</u> activity during the 2024-25 fiscal year is 30% of total expenses; refer to the Budget Instructions for information regarding calculating nonchargeable activity.

Another budgeting consideration is participation at constituency group events. While it is appropriate for Region/Local/Unit Executive Boards to authorize the use of rebated funds to participate at constituency group events, Regions/Locals/Units may not send more representatives to these non-CSEA events than are sent to any CSEA Statewide event. It is not allowable to use union funds to pay the membership dues of any individual to any constituency group. The following are the common Union constituency groups and their websites to obtain more information about their group events.

American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees www.afscme.org
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists www.cbu.org
Coalition of Labor Union Women www.cluw.org
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement www.lclaa.org
NYS Assoc of Black & Puerto Rican Legislators www.nysabprl.org
Pride at Work www.prideatwork.org

Be reminded that the *Financial Standards Code*, Article VI, Section 13 prohibits the use of union funds to pay any expenses incurred by guests or nonmembers of the Region/Local/Unit.

Included with this mailing are the CSEA forms necessary to complete the annual CSEA filing requirements. Locals/Units we expect to have annual income of \$50,000 or less have received the CSEA Short forms while Regions/Locals/Units we expect to have annual income over \$50,000 have received the CSEA Long forms. If you received the incorrect forms, you could obtain the correct forms either online at www.cseany.org under 'Officer Resources' or call my office.

A mailing in November will contain detailed information on filing the required CSEA Financial Report, CSEA Audit Report, IRS Form 990/990-EZ/990-N and, if applicable, US DOL LM Report. Please refer to the *Financial Standards Code*, Article VIII for information on completing and filing these annual required reports and watch for that important mailing in November.

THE 2024-25 BUDGET MUST BE <u>APPROVED</u> BY THE REGION/LOCAL/UNIT EXECUTIVE BOARD ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

Additionally, as Region/Local/Unit President, it is your duty to <u>FILE</u> THE APPROVED 2024-25 BUDGET WITH CSEA <u>ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2024</u>. CSEA Regions and Locals file their completed reports with the Statewide Treasurer while Units file their completed reports with their Local Treasurer.

A copy of all required reports for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 (the CSEA 2024-25 Budget, CSEA 2024 Financial Report, CSEA 2024 Audit Report, IRS 2023 Form 990/990-EZ/990-N and, if applicable, USDOL LM Form) must be <u>FILED WITH CSEA AND</u> ACCEPTED before the 2024 Final Rebate is issued.

I hope you find this mailing helpful in developing a spending plan for the 2024-25 fiscal year and in ensuring that the necessary reports are filed in a timely manner so that rebates can be issued. If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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cc: Region/Local/Unit Treasurers
CSEA Statewide Officers
P. Diana, Director of Internal Operations
W. Kearney, Director of Finance
Internal Operations Department

CSEA BUDGET REPORT INSTRUCTIONS SHORT AND LONG FORMS

The Annual Budget Report establishes a financial plan for the Region/Local/Unit and provides a convenient and efficient method for the Executive Board to authorize spending activity for the coming year.

The budget must be completed and approved by the Region/Local/Unit Executive Board prior to October 1st - the start of the new fiscal year; therefore, budget planning should begin in late August or early September. The Region/Local/Unit President must appoint a Budget Committee, in accordance with the CSEA *Region/Local/Unit Constitution*, in a timely manner to ensure the annual budget is completed on time. The Region/Local/Unit Treasurer should be an officer liaison to the Budget Committee and may act as the Budget Committee Chairperson if necessary.

The completed Budget must be submitted to the Executive Board, and once approved **grants the authority to spend budgeted funds.** Without an Executive Board-approved budget, the Treasurer must seek individual approvals from the Executive Board <u>prior</u> to issuing every check. (See the *Financial Standards Code*, Article V).

Remember, the entire Executive Board has the "fiduciary" responsibility for ensuring that the members' money is spent as outlined in the CSEA *Financial Standards Code*. Only the Executive Board has the authority to spend Union funds and every expense must be authorized by the Executive Board.

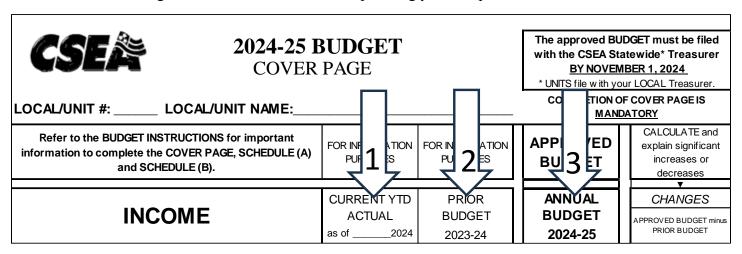
When determining the annual Budget, the Budget Committee and the Executive Board should keep in mind that the majority of rebated funds should be spent on activities such as:

- Expenses incurred to administer the contract such as handling grievances, meetings with members to discuss problems, attending training programs, etc.
- Expenses incurred by the negotiating team to prepare for negotiations and to attend negotiating sessions, settle the contract, print the contract, etc.
- Representing the members on committees (those mandated by the *Region/Local/Unit Constitution* as well as any other committees created by the Region/Local/Unit).
- Expenses of Officers to attend union meetings, union-related workshops, Executive Board meetings, Committee meetings, the CSEA Women's Conference, CSEA Safety & Health Workshop, CSEA Delegate Meeting and other CSEA meetings and Region conferences.
- Costs of Executive Board and Membership meetings as well as Committee meetings.
- Printing and postage for newsletters, posters, meeting notices, correspondence, etc.
- Expenses to maintain an office.

A small percentage of expenses may fund "nonchargeable" items, such as Member Benefits, Social Events and Scholarships. This percentage is established each fiscal year by CSEA's Board of Directors.

A copy of the approved annual budget must be submitted by November 1st each year: Regions and Locals must send a copy of their approved budget to the CSEA Statewide Treasurer; Units must send a copy of their approved budget to their CSEA Local Treasurer.

To assist the Budget Committee, the Treasurer should ensure that the organization's Income and Expense Registers are updated and subtotaled. The Treasurer should assemble prior reporting forms and any information that will assist the Budget Committee to estimate the upcoming year's expenses.



The first two columns of the Budget form, CURRENT YTD ACTUAL and PRIOR BUDGET, are for reference purposes, while the third column, APPROVED BUDGET, reflects the anticipated income and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year. Any significant changes are noted in the *CHANGES* column.

- 1) The columns on the Income and Expense Registers correspond to the rows on the Budget Report cover page. Short Form registers match the Short Form Budget and Long Form registers match the Long Form Budget. Data from the Income and Expense Registers can easily be transferred to **Column 1, Current YTD Actual** on the Budget Cover Page.
- 2) Data from the prior year's Budget (provided by the Treasurer) is copied, row for row, into **Column 2, Prior Budget**, of the Budget form.
- 3) The Committee develops a Budget plan and enters income and expenses on the appropriate rows in **Column 3, Approved Budget**. The Committee will compare the previous budget's assumptions and the actual YTD spending, along with changing requirements, to create a realistic spending plan that the organization can follow for the year.

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COMMITTEES - use worksheet on SCHED (B)
CSEA DELEGATES CONVENTION
CSEA WORKSHOPS/EDUCATION - useworksheet on SCHED (B)
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
HONORARIUMS - Detail MUST be provided on SCHED (B)
MEMBER MEETINGS
NEGOTIATIONS EXPENSES
OFFICERS' EXPENSE - use worksheet on SCHED (B)
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Column 1: Current YTD Actual

Note that the Budget form is normally completed *before* the end of the current fiscal year. In the box at the top of Column 1 write the date the information is entered.

CURRENT YTD
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as of _____2024

Copy the amounts of year-to-date Income and Expenses from all registers.

The totals at the bottom of each register column should be placed in the corresponding row of the Budget, Column 1.

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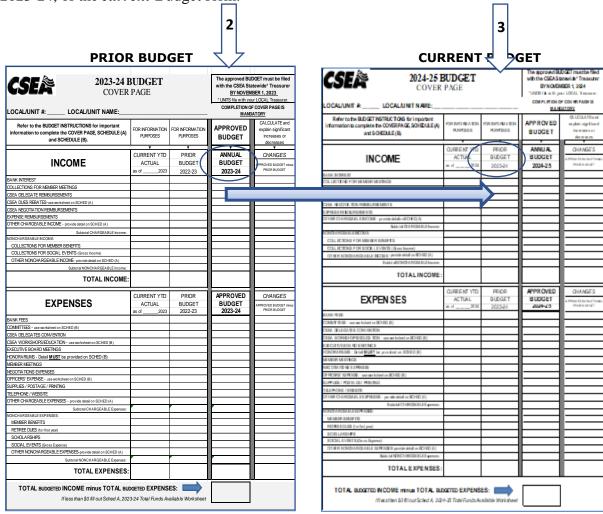
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Column 2: Prior Budget

Refer to the Budget form from the *prior* year: FY 2023-24. Copy the Income and Expense entries from Column 3, Approved Budget 2023-24, of that form, into Column 2, Prior Budget 2023-24, of the *current* Budget form.



Once completed, this second column will provide a summary of what the Region/Local/Unit had **approved last year to spend for the entire current fiscal year*.** Together, Columns 1 and 2 will provide a comparison between what was budgeted the year before and what was actually spent. *Take note: Region dues are deducted automatically from Local rebates and will no longer appear on the budget forms.

Column 3: APPROVED Budget 2024-2025

The Budget Committee will propose amounts for the Approved Budget based on previous experience as shown on Columns 1 and 2, and knowledge of anticipated requirements for the upcoming year.

STEP 1: Calculate the expected rebate income the Local or Unit will receive by completing the CSEA DUES REBATES WORKSHEET at the top of SCHEDULE (A). Note that Regions use the most recent four quarterly rebates received to determine their rebate estimate for the fiscal year.

The Total Annual Rebate is normally issued in two approximately equal parts: an Advance, normally received in July, and a Final, normally received in March. Enter the Final and Advance rebates received on the worksheet to arrive at the **total rebates received** in the Past Fiscal Year. This value should represent the **normal Annual** Rebate income received by the Local or Unit.

Enter this amount in Column 3, Approved Budget under INCOME: CSEA DUES REBATES

CSEA ANNUAL REBA	TE INCOME	WORKSHEET
Estimate Normal Annual Rebate Income by addir	ng the 2023 Final R	lebate to the 2024 Advance Rebate*
2023 FINAL REBATE	4,685	*If you did not receive any rebates in 2023-24, or did not receive the
PLUS 2024 ADVANCE REBATE	4,600	2023 or 2024 Advances, please refer to CSEA's Budget Instructions to determine normal annual rebate income.
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Enter this amount on the Cover Page, Ap	proved Budget Co	lumn: Dues Rebate Income

Example

The 2023 Final Rebate and 2024 Advance Rebate should be approximately equal, and added together, should represent the Unit or Local's Total Annual Rebate Income. Note: If you did not receive either the 2023 Advance or the 2024 Advance, then the 2024 Final Rebate alone might represent the Total Annual Income. To be sure, please contact the CSEA Statewide Treasurer's office for an estimate of Annual Income; Units may contact their Local Treasurer.

STEP 2: Enter other proposed Income amounts on the appropriate rows in Column 3, Approved Budget. Be sure to subtotal the amounts in the Chargeable and Nonchargeable section, and enter the Total proposed Income on the TOTAL INCOME row.

Note: Entries in either of the **OTHER** rows must be described and explained on Schedule (A).

STEP 3: Enter proposed Expense amounts on the appropriate rows in Column 3, Approved

Budget. Use the historical information in Columns 1 and 2 to create a realistic estimate of proposed expenses. Be certain to take into consideration any additional information or requirements when considering these estimated amounts, such as the projected costs to attend the annual Delegates Meeting and other CSEA events.

Be sure to subtotal the amounts in the Chargeable and Nonchargeable section, and enter the total proposed Expense on the **TOTAL EXPENSES** row.

Note: Entries in either of the **OTHER** rows must be described and explained on Schedule (A).

The worksheets on **Budget Schedule (B)** may be helpful to collect and total proposed expenses for Committees, Workshops & Education, and Officer Expense (short form), as well as Rent & Utilities and Equipment (long form). Be sure that the totals calculated for these categories on the worksheet are entered correctly in the appropriate category on the Budget Cover Page, Approved Budget column.

If the Local, Region or Unit is paying HONORARIUMS, then the worksheet at the top of Schedule (B) must be filled in. The total of Honorariums shown on this worksheet in Column 3, Approved Budget must be entered on the Budget Cover Page, Approved Budget, on the Honorariums row.

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STEP 4: Ensure the budget is fiscally responsible. The power and authority to transact business relative to members is vested in the Region/Local/Unit Executive Board and the Executive Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the members of the Region/Local/Unit.

On the COVER PAGE Column 3, Approved Budget, calculate the Total Income minus Total Expenses:

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IF this calculation produces a **POSITIVE** number, then the Region/Local/Unit has allocated enough money to adequately represent the members for the upcoming fiscal year.

If this calculation produces a **NEGATIVE** number, that is, total expenses are <u>more</u> than total income, use Budget Schedule A, **2024-25 Total Funds Available Worksheet**, to demonstrate that the Region/Local/ Unit has sufficient funds to absorb that deficit, and wishes to spend down its accumulated savings.

2024-25 TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE WORK	SHEET	
Total of All Bank Accounts as of Sep 30, 2024 \$	4,685	
PLUS Approved Budget Total Income + \$	4,600	
MINUS Approved Budget Total Expenses — \$	8,685	
EQUALS TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE = \$	600	Cannot be less than \$0.00
If Estimated Funds Available are less than \$0.00, the Approved 2024-25 Budget must be	be adjusted.	

This worksheet adds current funds from all bank accounts to the difference between Proposed Income and Expenses.

If the Estimated funds at fiscal year-end are less than zero, then the Region/Local/Unit does not have the funds available to support its Proposed Budget Spending Plan, and the expenses shown in the **APPROVED BUDGET** column **must be reduced before the Budget can be approved.**

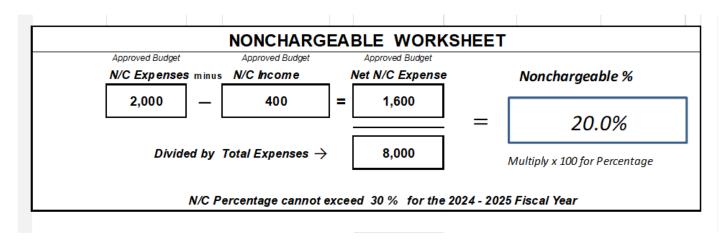
STEP 5: Ensure CHARGEABLE spending equals or exceeds the annual published percentage by calculating the percent of NONCHARGEABLE spending proposed in the APPROVED BUDGET column.

FOR THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR, THE APPROVED NONCHARGEABLE PERCENTAGE IS

30% of TOTAL EXPENSES

- a) Use the Nonchargeable Worksheet on Budget Schedule A to calculate and report net nonchargeable activity for the fiscal year.
- **b**) From the Budget Cover Page, **Approved Budget Column 3**, copy the following into the worksheet on Schedule A: Total Nonchargeable Expense, Total Nonchargeable Income, Total Expenses.

EXAMPLE



IF the result EXCEEDS the allowed published percentage (refer to the ANNUAL BUDGET AND REPORTING INFORMATION MEMORANDUM), **necessary adjustments MUST BE MADE to reduce** the net nonchargeable activity before approving the Budget:

Reduce Nonchargeable EXPENSES
Increase Nonchargeable INCOME
Increase Chargeable (Total) EXPENSES

The Budget Committee Chair shall ensure that the Budget presented to the Executive Board does not exceed the current Nonchargeable Percentage.

STEP 6: Present the completed budget in its entirety to the Region/Local/Unit Executive Board for approval. A completed budget includes the COVER PAGE, SCHEDULE (A), SCHEDULE (B) and, if applicable, SCHEDULE (C). The completed budget must be typed, printed, or written in INK.

The completed budget must be presented to the Executive Board at an Executive Board meeting on or before **September 30th** and a **motion must be entered in the minutes** whereby the Annual Budget is approved. This approval process grants the Region/Local/Unit the authority to spend the Union funds in accordance with the *Financial Standards Code*, Article V.

The Region/Local/Unit Secretary must sign the COVER PAGE of the approved budget attesting the Region/Local/Unit Executive Board approved the budget and enter the date of the board meeting.

STEP 7: Make a copy of the signed, approved Budget and submit that copy to CSEA by November 1st.

Regions and Locals submit the copy to the CSEA Statewide Treasurer and Units submit the copy to their CSEA Local Treasurer. Keep the original in the financial records.

IMPORTANT

Be aware that an incomplete Budget or a Budget that does not appear reasonable will be returned by CSEA, or the Local to its Units, for corrections and/or explanations and that process will hold up the issuance of the Final Rebate until the Budget is **accepted.**

The Budget is a plan, and as such is subject to modifications as conditions change during the fiscal year. The Budget Committee should propose a Budget that is as accurate as current information will allow, rather than inflating line items to cover unexpected events. The Budget can be modified as necessary via Executive Board approval with minutes documenting approved changes. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of the Budget and its modifications. Significant changes to the Budget should be reported to the Local (for Units), or CSEA.

If there are any questions while completing the annual budget, please contact the Statewide Treasurer's office.

Phone: (800) 342-4146 ext. 1256 Fax: (518) 436-0398

Email: <u>treasurerreports@cseainc.org</u> or <u>connie.bonacquisti@cseainc.org</u>

CSEA FINANCIAL REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) summarizes financial activity for the entire fiscal year, from Oct 1, 2023 thru Sep 30, 2024. The report shows sources of income and expenses as well as the resources available at year-end for future activities. The activity reported on this form comes directly from the completed Income and Expense registers. Therefore all withdrawals and deposits must be recorded on these registers, thru Sep 30, before attempting to fill out the Financial Report form.

The first row of the AFR shows the OPENING BALANCE for the new Fiscal Year. This is the reconciled balance as of Oct 1,2023 and must be the same as the CLOSING BALANCE reported the day before, at the end of the previous fiscal year, on Sep 30, 2023.

This is followed by the INCOME section, which summarizes all income reported on the INCOME register in each category, and is totaled in the TOTAL INCOME row.

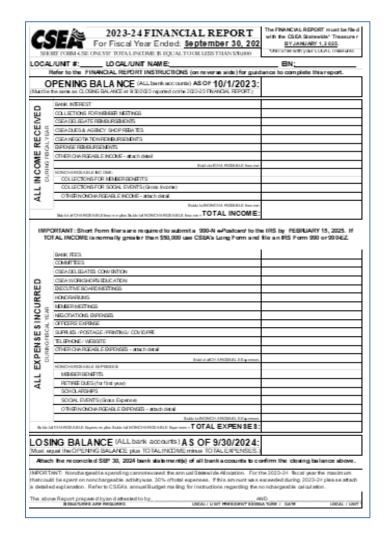
This is followed by the EXPENSE section, which summarizes all expenses reported on the EXPENSE register in each category, and is totaled in the TOTAL EXPENSE row.

Finally, the CLOSING BALANCE is calculated as:

OPENING BALANCE + INCOME - EXPENSE

The CLOSING BALANCE should match the sum of the Sep 30, 2024 bank statement(s). These statements, and a reconciliation of any uncleared checks, should be attached to the AFR.

A properly prepared Financial Report is signed and dated by the President and Treasurer.



Before submitting the Financial Report, Locals to the CSEA Statewide Treasurer, Units to their Local Treasurers, calculate the Non-Chargeable Percentage of Expenses for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year. The allowable percentage for 2023-24 was 30%. Follow the same process as outlined in the Budget Instructions.

Non-chargeable % = (NC Expenses – NC Income) / Total Expenses

If non-chargeable spending exceeded 30% then a written explanation must be submitted with the AFR.

CSEA CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

SHORT & LONG FORMS

CHARGEABLE refers to the <u>necessary and reasonably incurred</u> costs for the purpose of assisting the Region/Local/Unit in performing the duties as representatives of the members. These are typically the expenses incurred to represent the members at union meetings, the annual Delegates Convention, various labor workshops, the CSEA Safety & Health Conference, grievance representation, negotiating the contract, labor management meetings, etc. Also included are the costs to maintain office space (if necessary), reimbursement of union-related phone calls, postage, printing and supplies used to inform the membership and/or assist in representation, unit rebates, etc.

NONCHARGEABLE refers to those costs that are <u>unrelated</u> to collective bargaining and the work-related interests of the members. These include contributions or gifts that directly benefit members, such as acknowledgement of retirements, memorials for deceased, cards or flowers for sick members, gifts in place of a holiday social function, scholarships, social events, retiree dues for the first year and the costs of sending representatives to any events that are not specifically CSEA (AFL-CIO events, AFSCME events, CLUW events, CBTU events and the NYS Black & Puerto Rican Caucus).

INCOME

Chargeable:

BANK INTEREST – Includes all interest/dividends earned in <u>all</u> bank account(s).

COLLECTIONS FOR MEMBER MEETINGS – Includes any funds collected towards a membership meeting. A per person cost (either the full cost per person or a portion of the cost per person) may be collected from members to help offset the overall cost of a membership meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If there is a social activity held in conjunction with the member meeting where <u>non-members</u> may attend, then the FULL COST PER PERSON for the entire event must be collected from the guest(s). The cost per person is calculated by dividing the total cost by the number of people attending the event. Union funds may not subsidize non-members.

Funds collected from non-members are recorded in the COLLECTIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS income category.

CSEA DELEGATES REIMBURSEMENTS – Following the bi-annual year in which a regular Delegates Meeting is held, each Local is reimbursed the partial expenses of one (1) delegate for every 1,000 members. The estimated costs of hotel rooms for the Delegates Meeting are provided in the annual Budget Information mailing along with the current mileage reimbursement rate. Use these figures and refer to the amounts previously reimbursed to determine the proposed reimbursement. There is no delegate reimbursement for the non-mandatory annual meeting held in the year when there is no regular Delegates Meeting.

- CSEA DUES REBATES Includes all rebates (and/or advances on rebates) issued by CSEA in accordance with the *CSEA Constitution and By-Laws*, By-Laws Article IV, Section 3.
- CSEA NEGOTIATION REIMBURSEMENTS The amounts reimbursed to Locals by CSEA for official negotiations, mediations and fact-finding meetings with management (a caucus of team members is not covered), as well as the cost of ratifying the contract (voting machines, ballot printing, mailing and printing and mailing of the contract). The reimbursement back to Units is determined at the Local level. (Refer to the negotiation reimbursement guidelines found on the reverse side of the CSEA Negotiation Reimbursement voucher). It is anticipated that negotiations should incur no lodging expenses, little mileage and minimal meal charges.
- EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS After an advance for travel is issued, any amount that the individual who received the advance must <u>RETURN</u> to the Region/Local/Unit, for whatever reason, goes in this category. Refer to the advance procedures specified in the *Financial Standards Code*, Article VI, Section 12.
- OTHER CHARGEABLE INCOME Other income from chargeable activity not already allocated to a chargeable income category.

Nonchargeable:

- COLLECTIONS FOR MEMBER BENEFITS Includes collections towards items that may be purchased or provided for members such as giveaways, scholarships, etc.
- COLLECTIONS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS (Gross Income) Any funds collected towards a social event. A per person cost (either the full cost per person or a portion of the cost per person) may be collected from *members* to help offset the overall cost of a social event. **NOTE: UNION FUNDS MAY NOT SUBSIDIZE ANY NON-MEMBERS** as per the *Financial Standards Code*, Article VI, Section 13.

 <u>Guests (non-members) attending the social event MUST PAY the full per person cost of the event</u>.

 This is calculated by dividing the **total cost** of the event by the **total number** of people attending the event.
- OTHER NONCHARGEABLE INCOME Other income from nonchargeable activity not already allocated to a nonchargeable income category.

EXPENSES

Chargeable:

- COMMITTEES Includes travel expenses of committee members and any other costs incurred to hold committee meetings such as food, room costs, etc. The constitutionally mandated standing committees are the Budget Committee, Audit Committee, Membership Committee, Political and Legislative Action Committee and Health & Safety Committee. Remember to budget for Election Committee expenses and projected election costs whenever it is an election year.
- CSEA DELEGATES MEETING Includes the <u>entire cost</u> of sending <u>all</u> delegates to the Delegates Meeting or sending <u>all</u> authorized representatives to the non-mandatory annual meeting held in the year when there is no regular Delegates Meeting. **UNION FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED TO PAY EXPENSES FOR**

ANYONE WHO IS NOT AN ELECTED DELEGATE OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.

Refer to the procedures in the *Financial Standards Code*, Article VI, Section 2 and related memorandums to determine the method of calculating delegate expenses and limitations on delegate expenditures. **Do NOT include the costs of any other meetings, workshops, conferences, etc. on this line.**

- CSEA WORKSHOPS/EDUCATION Includes all costs of attending the various CSEA sponsored workshops and conferences. **Do NOT include the cost of attending the CSEA Delegates Meeting or other non-CSEA events such as the CBTU on this line.**
- EQUIPMENT (Long Forms Only) Includes the cost of purchasing items that are the property of the Local/Unit such as computers, laptops, printers, copiers, office furniture, etc. Also includes the maintenance costs for equipment such as copiers and printers.
- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS Includes the costs for items such as food, refreshments, room rental, etc. The *Region/Local/Unit Constitution* requires that at least **FOUR** Executive Board meetings be held each fiscal year.
- HONORARIUMS The Region/Local/Unit Executive Board may establish honorariums for their officers; refer to the *Region/Local/Unit Constitution* and the *Financial Standards Code* for restrictions on the establishment of and/or change of honorariums. All motions establishing or amending honorariums **MUST BE ON FILE** in the Statewide Treasurer's Office.
- MEMBER MEETINGS Includes the costs for items such as food, refreshments, room rental, speakers, etc. The *Local/Unit Constitution* requires that at least **TWO** general membership meetings be held each fiscal year (may be waived in Local's with more than 5,000 members provided the Local requires each of their Units to hold at least four (4) general membership meetings each year and submit to the Local written reports of those meetings).
- NEGOTIATIONS EXPENSE Includes <u>ALL</u> costs associated with negotiating, ratifying and printing the labor contract, including those costs not reimbursed by CSEA.
- OFFICERS' EXPENSE Includes expenses incurred by the elected Officers such as meeting with members to discuss problems, grievance meetings, attending other union-related meetings, events, etc. that are not included elsewhere; generally, expenses incurred by Officers acting in the capacity as an Officer of the Region/Local/Unit that cannot be allocated to another expense category. **Do NOT include expenses to attend the annual Delegates Meeting or CSEA workshops, conferences or Region meetings**; those costs are included in the CSEA DELEGATES MEETING category or the CSEA WORKSHOPS/EDUCATION category. Also, do not include expenses incurred to attend constituency group events such as the CBTU and Black & Puerto Rican Caucus; those expenses are included in the OTHER NONCHARGEABLE EXPENSES category.

POSTAGE & SHIPPING (Long Forms Only) – Includes postage and shipping costs for mailings.

- PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS (Long Forms Only) Includes costs for printing handouts, duplicating services and/or producing a newsletter, etc.
- PROFESSIONAL FEES (Long Forms Only) Includes costs for professional services such as an accountant or other licensed professional.
- REGION DUES Region dues are now deducted directly from the Local's Rebate.
- RENT & UTILITIES (Long Forms Only) Includes costs associated with the rental or lease of Local/Unit office space including heat, electric, water, property taxes, etc. Do not include the cost of renting a hall for union meetings; those costs are recorded under EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS and/or MEMBER MEETINGS. Also, do not include the cost of telephone reimbursements those should be recorded under TELEPHONE/WEBSITE.
- SALARY & BENEFITS (Long Forms Only) Includes the total payroll-related costs for employees of the Local/Unit for the entire fiscal year.
- SUPPLIES (Long Forms Only) Includes costs of supplies such as paper, copier toner, ink, pens, staples, etc.
- SUPPLIES / POSTAGE / PRINTING (Short Forms Only) Includes costs for supplies (paper, toner, ink, pens, etc), postage paid and duplicating/printing costs, newsletter costs, handout costs, etc.
- TELEPHONE / WEBSITE Includes the cost of maintaining Local/Unit phone(s) and/or website as well as reimbursement to Officers for Union-related phone use.
- UNIT REBATES (Long Forms Only) Includes all rebates paid or due Units during the fiscal year. If Units have not received previous years' rebates due to administratorships or non-compliance, include these withheld amounts in the current budget. This authorizes the maximum potential rebate expense for the fiscal year.

NOTE: UNITS IN UP STRUCTURE

Locals with units in Unit President (UP) Structure must budget potential expenses for those units by totaling the rebates due these units and distributing this amount between chargeable and nonchargeable expenses based on the current year's nonchargeable allowance.

For example, based on a 30% nonchargeable percentage:

70% of all funds allocated to UP units will be budgeted as chargeable expenses and included in the Unit Rebates Expense category.

30% of all funds will be budgeted as nonchargeable expenses and included in Other Nonchargeable Expenses (with an explanation on Schedule A).

- OTHER CHARGEABLE EXPENSES Other chargeable expenses not already allocated to a chargeable expense category.
- Note: Other Chargeable Expenses must be detailed and/or explained on Budget Schedule A, under Additional Information.

Nonchargeable:

- AFL-CIO EVENTS / AFSCME EVENTS (Long Form Only) Includes costs incurred to attend events held by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) or the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).
- CLUW / LCLAA / PAW EVENTS (Long Form Only) Includes costs incurred to attend events held by the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) and Pride at Work (PAW). It is NOT allowable to use union funds to pay for membership of individuals to any of these constituency groups.
- COALITION OF BLACK TRADE UNIONIST (CBTU) EVENTS (Long Form Only) Includes costs incurred to attend CBTU events. It is NOT allowable to use union funds to pay for membership of individuals to CBTU, a constituency group.
- NYS BLACK & PUERTO RICAN CAUCUS (Long Form Only) Includes costs incurred to attend the New York State legislative caucus held annually.
- OTHER NON-CSEA EVENTS (Long Form Only) Includes costs incurred to attend constituency group events that are not included in any other category. It is NOT allowable to use union funds to pay for membership of individuals to a constituency group.
- MEMBER BENEFITS Includes costs of contributions or gifts that directly benefit members. Disbursements of this kind are limited to \$200 per person per occurrence and can include acknowledgements of retirements, memorials for deceased, cards or flowers for sick members, and gifts to members in place of a holiday social function.
- RETIREE DUES Includes the first-year retiree dues paid for members.
- SCHOLARSHIPS Includes awards of scholarships to members and/or their family. The criteria and awards must be consistent from year to year.
- SOCIAL EVENTS (Gross Expense) Includes the **gross (total) expenses** of hosting a social event such as the total cost of food, entertainment, giveaways, rentals, etc.
- OTHER NONCHARGEABLE EXPENSES Other nonchargeable expenses not already allocated to a nonchargeable expense category. This category will include the nonchargeable component of UP unit expenses as described under Unit Rebates.
- Note: Other Nonchargeable Expenses must be detailed and/or explained on Budget Schedule A, under Additional Information.