

# **USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)**

## **Allowable and Non-Allowable Expenditures**

### **Allowable Expenditures**

- **Operating Costs**

- At least 80% of total grant award
  - Fresh fruits and vegetables
  - Fresh (not canned, frozen or dried) vegetables not normally eaten raw can be cooked as part of a nutrition education lesson no more than once per week
  - Low-fat and non-fat dips for vegetables
- Up to 20% of total grant award
  - Non-food items
    - Delivery charges
    - Paper supplies: napkins, plates/boats, soufflé cups
    - Cutting boards and knives
    - Serving bowls and trays
    - Cleaning supplies
    - Trash bags
    - Small carts
  - Wages/salaries and benefits for employees who do tasks of washing, chopping produce, preparing trays, distributing produce to classrooms, setting up stations, vending machines, and cleanup

- **Administrative Costs**

- Up to 10% of total grant award and included in 20% cap of non-food costs
  - Purchasing or leasing equipment used for FFVP or repair of FFVP-designated equipment ( $\geq$ \$250 each)
    - Refrigerators
    - Coolers
    - Portable kiosks and food bars
    - Small and large carts
  - Wages/salaries and benefits for employees who perform administrative tasks for the FFVP (financial reports, write menus, coordinate nutrition promotion activities)

### **Non-Allowable Expenditures (List is not all inclusive)**

- **Food items**

- Canned, frozen, dried, vacuum packed fruits/vegetables or fruit/vegetable juice
- Fruits/vegetables with real or artificial flavorings and/or preservatives (except ascorbic acid)
- Coconut, edible flowers, dried herbs, raw sprouts, commercially prepared salsa
- Smoothies, parfaits, fruit or vegetable pizza,
- No foods can be served or claimed with fruits or vegetables: peanut butter, cottage cheese, nuts, trail mix, granola

- **Nutrition Education materials or equipment**

- Example: AccuCut die-cutting machine

- **Promotional items /Marketing materials**

- Includes postage

- **Travel costs**

- Mileage for picking up produce from a local farm

- **Field trip activity costs**

- Field trip transportation