USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
Allowable and Unallowable 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 perform program tasks such as 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 (> $250 each)
      - Refrigerators and coolers
      - Portable kiosks and food bars
      - Small and large carts
        - Wages/salaries and benefits for employees who perform administrative tasks for the FFVP such as financial reporting, writing menus, and coordinating nutrition promotion activities

Unallowable 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)
  - Fresh herbs served with fruit, however, fresh herbs may be served with vegetables
  - Grapples, edible flowers, dried herbs, raw sprouts, commercially-prepared salsa
  - Smoothies, parfaits, fruit or vegetable pizza
  - No foods—such as peanut butter, cottage cheese, nuts, trail mix, or granola—can be served or claimed with fruits or vegetables
- Nutrition education materials or equipment
  - Example: printing and crafting materials, posters, etc.
- School garden equipment
  - Example: seeds, tools, etc.
- Classroom refrigerators
- Promotional items or marketing materials
  - Includes postage
- Field trip activity costs
  - Field trip transportation