

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 (\geq \$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

