

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 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 & included in 20% cap of non-food costs

Purchasing or leasing equipment used for FFVP or repair of FFVP-designated equipment (>\$250 each)

- Refrigerators
- Coolers
- Portable kiosks and food bars
- Small and large carts

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Wages/salaries and benefits for employees who perform administrative tasks for the FFVP such as financial reporting, writing menus, and coordinating 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 - 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: AccuCut die-cutting machine

▶ **School garden equipment**

- Example: seeds, tools, equipment

▶ **Classroom refrigerators**

▶ **Promotional items or marketing materials**

- Includes postage

▶ **Field trip activity costs**

- Field trip transportation