

Allowable and Unallowable Stand Down Expenses

Allowable Expenses

- Goods and services for homeless veterans ONLY
- Food items, including:
 - Food during the event
 - Non-perishable food give-aways
 - Bottled water
 - Gift-cards for food (ensure that these are not used for purchase of alcohol or tobacco products)
- Personal care items, including:
 - Hygiene care kits
 - Shaving kits
 - Non-prescription reading glasses
- Addressing the elements resources, including:
 - Clothing (cold weather shoes, boots, underwear, socks, and coats)
 - Sleeping bags
 - One-person tents
- Removing employment barriers, including:
 - Gift cards minor time-limited legal services
 - Gift cards for consumer credit services
- Employment supports, including:
 - Flash drives with job search tools
 - Printed job search resources
 - Printed employment guides
- One-time facilities support, including:
 - Security personnel
 - Facilities and/or tent rental
 - Electricity
 - Portable toilets
 - Janitorial supplies
 - Kitchen supplies
- Communications and printing support, including:
 - Advertising materials (event posters)
 - Internet access
 - Duplication of up to a maximum of 5,000 copies of one page or 25,000 copies in the aggregate of multiple pages (see Special Grants Provisions for additional guidance)
- Transportation, including:
 - Rental of bus, van, car, or taxi
 - Gasoline to and from the event for volunteer drivers
 - Gasoline gift cards
- The purchase or rental of other pertinent items and services for homeless Veteran participants and their families as deemed appropriate by VETS

Unallowable Expenses

- Goods and services for anyone other than homeless veterans
- Health care related expenses, including:
 - Medical examinations (should be provided by VA Medical Center)
 - Dental examinations and dental work
 - Optometry examinations and prescription eye glasses
- Staff expenses, including:
 - Administrative costs
 - Programmatic and administrative staff salaries
 - Sub-awards
- Give aways, including:
 - t-shirts or clothing items for volunteers
 - hats (unless for cold weather use)
 - pen sets
 - patches/medals
- Gifts or mementos, including
 - Gifts for staff members, visitors, or volunteers
- Computer equipment, including:
 - laptops, desktops, pads, etc.
- Anything not specifically approved by the DVET
 - “other” or “miscellaneous” categories require clarification
- Expenses incurred outside of the time schedules allowed by the Federal Register Notice (see “Stand Down Dates and Timelines” for additional guidance on these timetables)



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