

UNALLOWABLE COSTS

S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women Grant Program

S.T.O.P. funds cannot be expended outside of S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women program areas. Additionally, S.T.O.P. funds may not be used directly or indirectly to provide for any of the following matters:

- Bar Charges/Alcoholic Beverages
- **Bonuses or Commissions**
- Compensation of Federal Employees
- Construction Projects (other than penal or correctional institutions)
- Corporate Formation/Startup Costs
- Costs Incurred Outside the Project Period
- **Credit Card Fees**
- **Entertainment Costs**
- Fines and Penalties
- Food and Beverages*
- Fundraising
- Immigration Fees
- Land Acquisition
- Lobbying
- Luxury items
- Membership Fees to organizations whose primary activity is lobbying
- **Military-Type Equipment**
- **Passport Charges**
- Physical Modifications to Buildings (including minor renovations such as painting and carpeting)
- Real Estate/Property
- State and Local Sales Taxes
- Tips
- Travel of Federal Employees of the Awarding Agency
- Vehicles, Vessels, or Aircraft
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles/Unmanned Aircraft, Aircraft System, or Aerial Vehicles

*No funding can be used to purchase food and/or beverages for any meeting, conference, training, or other event. Exceptions to this restriction may be made only in cases where such sustenance is not otherwise available (i.e., extremely remote areas), or where a special presentation at a conference requires a plenary address where there is no other time for sustenance to be attained. Such an exception would require prior approval. This restriction does not apply to water provided at no cost, but does apply to any and all other refreshments, regardless of the size or nature of the meeting. Additionally, this restriction does not impact direct payment of per diem amounts to individuals in a travel status under your organization's travel policy.

Additional information regarding unallowable costs can be found within the OVW Financial Grants Management Guide at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/ovw-fgmg.pdf>.