

## Better Living for Texans

The following table provides some examples of allowable and unallowable costs.

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Allowable	Unallowable	Maybe w/ Justification
Bathroom Scales**	Air Freshener	Artificial Sweeteners
Blenders**	Candles	Binding Machines
Bookmarks/Magnets/Stickers - educational themed	Celebratory Items - trophies, certificates, frames, etc.	Bracelets***
Carts/Wagons	Chair Mats	Calculators
Cutting Board	Charcoal	Canopies - small for WAT/LGEG
Dish Cloths/Towels	Coffee/Tea	Computer Repairs
Disinfecting Wipes	Desk Lamps	Computer Software
Electric Skillet	Diabetes Education Related Items	CPR/First Aid Class (Red Cross/AHA)
File Cabinet - small, 2 drawers	Dish Racks	Cri-cut Machines
First Aid Kit - small w/basic supplies	Disposable Cameras	Demonstration Mirrors
Folding Chairs	Furniture Polish	Desks
Hand Mixers	Lighter Fluids	Dishwasher Detergent****
Hand Sanitizer	Newsletter Subscriptions	Educational DVDs - educational themed
Ice Chests	Online Training - LGEG or other online training	Executive Chairs
Incentive/Reinforcement Items***	Party Napkins	File Cabinets - large
Kitchen Knives	Phones	Flash/Zip Drives
Kitchen Utensils	Picture/Certificate Frames	Induction Cooktops - small**
Measuring Cups	Plants - flowers, ornamentals, fruit trees	Junk Food Items*****
Measuring Spoons	Prepared Food Trays - cheese/fruit/vegetable/meat/sandwich	Laundry Detergent****
Nutritious Food Supplies	Rugs	Laminators - small
Office Supplies	Trash Cans	Newspaper Ads - job openings
Paper Goods	T-shirts/Clothing Items	Office Furniture
Pot Holders		Propane Grills
Pots & Pans - baking/cooking		Refrigerators - mini to 18 cubic ft.*
Serving Spoons		Tiller*****
Slow Cooker		Toaster/Microwave - small**
Tables - 6' - 8' long		
Tabletop Burners		

- \* Level 3 and 4 counties may be eligible to purchase a full-sized refrigerator depending on circumstances.
- \*\* Kitchen and other programming equipment costing more than \$100 require justification of need prior to purchase.
- \*\*\* Education reinforcement items (i.e., incentive materials) must not exceed \$5.00 in value. Such items must convey a nutrition message, promote healthy nutrition, and physical activity practices. **Examples are measuring cups, vegetable peelers, and pedometers – items similar to what the State Office makes available to counties.** All incentive items not supplied by the State Office must have the following printed statement applied before distributing to participants: ***"This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP."*** The label may be applied directly to the item, or onto a plastic bag and the item placed inside the bag. A version of pre-formatted labels is available at: <http://blt.tamu.edu/blt-educators/forms-supplies/>. **NOTE: Wristbands/bracelets require prior authorization.**
- \*\*\*\* Dishwasher and laundry detergent is allowable if the machines are located in the county office; laundry items include tablecloths, aprons, dish cloths/towels, pot holders, etc.
- \*\*\*\*\* Tiller is allowable in counties with continuous community gardening projects with dense soil. **MUST** contact BLT Regional Project Specialist before purchasing for specifications and allowable cost.
- \*\*\*\*\* Junk food items must be used only as an example of a poor nutrition choice.