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Appendix A: Unallowable Expenses

The funds from awards granted through this program cannot be used for the following:

- “Artist relief” programs where the funding is intended to alleviate financial hardship (i.e., rent or food assistance to individuals) and does not require the artist to undertake work.
- Alcoholic beverages and/or catering expenses
- Commercial (for-profit) enterprises or activities, including concessions, food, clothing, artwork, or other items for resale. This includes online or virtual sales/shops
- Construction, purchase, or renovation of facilities
- General fundraising for either yourself or another entity.
- General miscellaneous or contingency costs
- Land purchase costs
- Lobbying, including activities intended to influence the outcome of elections or influence government officials regarding pending legislation, either directly or through specific lobbying appeals to the public
- Mortgage interest, fines and penalties, bad debt costs, or deficit reduction
- Rental costs for home office workspace owned by individuals or entities affiliated with the applicant organization
- Social activities such as receptions, parties, galas, community dinners, picnics, and potlucks
- Subawards to replace lost revenue
- Travel costs



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- Vehicle purchases
- Visa costs paid to the U.S. government
- Voter registration drives and related activities
- Costs supported by any other federal funding. This includes federal funding received either directly from a federal agency or indirectly from a pass-through organization such as a state arts agency, regional arts organization, or a grant made to another entity.
- Expenditures related to compensation to foreign nationals when those expenditures are not in Compliance with regulations issued by the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Foreign Assets Control. For further information, see <https://www.treasury.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/pages/office-of-foreign-assets-control.aspx>.
- Costs incurred before the beginning or after the completion of the official period of performance.
- All other costs that are unallowable per 2 CFR 200 and other laws.