Allowable/Unallowable Expenditures

Allowable Expenditures (not an exhaustive list)

- Advertising placements
- Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- Books
- Business entertainment (when approved)
- Catering up to $10,000
- UW owned Cell Phones & Billing
- Conference registrations
- Food (when allowed by budget)
- Inventory equipment ($5,000)
- Local transportation charges (non-parking*, taxi, Uber, bus charter, Good-to-Go tolls** and ferry) within 50 miles of the employee’s official duty station for UW business purposes only when the individual is NOT in travel status.
  * Not to be used for primary duty station parking reimbursement
  ** Not to be used for purchase of Good-to-Go pass
- Memberships
- Research tools & supplies
- Shipping charges (ex: express mail)
- Software
- Subscriptions

Unallowable Expenditures (not an exhaustive list)

- Animals/Animal Products
- Blood, Blood Serum and Platelets
- Cadavers, Organs, and Other Human Tissue
- Facility maintenance and repair
- Goods or services from other University departments
- Hazardous items: radioactive chemicals, lab refrigerators, pressure vessels, biological safety cabinets, fume hoods, xray/lasers, and other hazardous materials.
- Machinery & Equipment (M&E Tax exempt)
- New copier leases
- Personal expenses
- Travel related expenses such as airfare, lodging, rental cars, and per diem meals.
- Services provided by University employees, or any temporary services which involve an employer/employee relationship, must be paid through UW Payroll.
- Term Contracts: orders for a specific period of time, such as open orders, standing orders and maintenance contracts, must be set up through Purchasing.
- Vehicles or aircraft
- Weapons
Restricted Unless Discretionary Funds/Special Approvals
The following items may be purchased by campus departments only if funded by discretionary budgets or other budgets if expressly permitted by the funding source:

- Food and beverages for hosting and entertaining, coffee pots, microwaves and refrigerators.
- Personal office items, decorative and gift items such as awards, briefcases, calendars, clocks, desk sets, flowers, pictures, plants and plaques.
- Service stations for gas or automotive services

Prohibited ProCard Expenditures
- Cash or financial services (ATM’s)
- Furriers
- Gambling establishments
- Jewelry Stores