



Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission

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ACCEPTABLE EXPENDITURES LIST

If you are in need of Financial Assistance for more than this first visit and you receive income from any source prior to your next VSC visit, you must bring proof of that income and how it was used towards your household on **each** and **every** visit for assistance thereafter. If you are not able to account for the income you have had by receipt (or bank activity) and show that it has been used on the below list of acceptable expenditures only (and only for the Veteran and legal dependents), **no financial assistance will be granted.**

These are the only acceptable items you may spend your income on and remain eligible for CCVSC Financial Assistance and amounts should be of reasonable price and quantity (i.e. excessive spending on clothing may result in a denial of assistance).

1. Rent or Mortgage Payments
2. Food (Only if not receiving a Food Assistance from CCVSC)
3. Personal hygiene items (only if not receiving personal hygiene assistance from CCVSC)
4. Clothing Items (only if not receiving clothing assistance from the CCVSC)
5. All current utility bills (natural gas, electric, water, trash basic phone, internet payments).
6. Medical Expenses (prescriptions, dental, eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc. that you pay for out of pocket)
7. Insurance (car, home, renters, medical, life)
8. Estimates and receipts for unexpected expenses (i.e., home & car repairs if you are the owner)
9. Car Payments (Allowed with verification of weekly medical appointments or for verification of each working member of the household)
10. Gasoline (only if you are currently working or if you can verify medical appointments or can verify actively seeking employment)
11. Child Care Expenses (by receipt only from licensed childcare providers)
12. Child Support or Alimony Payments (only those paid through the courts)
13. Property Taxes
14. Delinquent Taxes (IRS, State of Ohio, City Taxes)
15. Credit Card Payments (will be considered on a case-by-case situation)
16. Home repairs/car repairs

If you have received a gift card from the CCVSC, it may only be used on the following items (receipts must be returned to the CCVSC for future applications).

1. Food or food preparation items (of reasonable price and quantity)
2. Personal hygiene items (of reasonable price and quantity)
3. Clothing items needed for work/school or homeless transition (of reasonable price and quantity)
4. School Supplies (of reasonable price and quantity)
5. Small purchase (total amount not to exceed \$25) for maintenance of home or auto (i.e. oil, light bulbs, etc.)
6. Household goods/cleaning items (of reasonable price and quantity)

Specifically Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

1. Alcohol
2. Tobacco/CBD/Vaping Products
3. Recreational items (sporting goods, toys)
4. Electronics
5. Tools (if not previously authorized by the CCVSC)

Any purchases beyond those listed here will result in sanctions from future financial assistance and a fraud investigation sent to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. Additionally, the CCVSC may place sanctions on future assistance for purchases within an approved category if the CCVSC determines the purchase to be inappropriate (i.e. using gift card to purchase lobster or other high end products). If you have a question about a purchase, you may contact a CCVSC representative for prior approval.

I understand the restrictions of the CCVSC assistance, and if assistance is granted will comply with these requirements.

Veteran/Applicant Name

Veteran/Applicant Signature

Date