

## Unallowable Uses of SHIP Funds

Olmsted County SHIP is directed by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Any expense above \$3,000 must be approved by MDH. Additionally, MDH reserves the right to question or disapprove of purchases. The following is a list of items that are specifically identified as deemed not allowable as a SHIP expense. **Please note this is not an exhaustive list** but is provided as a guide.

- Alcohol/cannabis or any illegal substance
- Any cost not directly related to the SHIP grant
- Building or improving a fitness center
- Building or paving a walking or bike path
- Cash assistance paid directly to individuals to meet their personal or family needs
- Cement (with the exception of cement for bench or basketball hoop installation)
- Clothing such as jerseys or team t-shirts
- Contributions or donations toward a fundraiser
- Costs incurred prior to the grant award
- COVID response expenses
- Designated smoking area signs (no smoking signs are allowed)
- Direct patient medical services or care including nicotine replacement therapy; other non-FDA approved devices such as vape pens or essential oil vaporizers
- Entrance fees to parks or recreational facilities for individuals or small groups
- Equipment repair or maintenance costs
- Food costs for events
- Gifts for staff
- Goods or services for personal use
- Land rental for gardens
- Liability insurance for community partners/sites
- Losses on agreements or contracts
- Meals for community social gatherings are not allowed unless they are connected to PSE change or community engagement that directly informs SHIP work. Stand-alone meals are not a PSE change.

- Scholarships or Memberships to clubs, camps, fitness centers and similar groups
- Ongoing subsidies of healthier food alternatives in vending machines, school lunches or workplaces
- Ongoing subsidies of rental fees for equipment use at a recreational center or park
- Raffles (raising money by selling tickets)
- Rental or purchase of a facility for ongoing activity programming such as smoking cessation or weight loss groups
- Replacement of functioning equipment
- Research
- Sidewalks or curb cuts
- Start-up of a non-profit or private business venture
- Subsidizing the ongoing cost of a weight loss program or group
- Subsidizing the purchase of smoking cessation medications, including nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), or non-evidence-based cessation programs (e.g., hypnosis)

**Community Active Living specific Unallowable:**

- o Exercise machines
- o Fat tire bicycles or mountain bicycles
- o Fitness equipment
- o Ongoing event expenses
- o Permanent driver feedback signs (portable are allowed)
- o Playground equipment
- o Recreational sports leagues
- o Trail lighting
- o Trees
- o Welcome signs

**Workplace Wellness specific Unallowable:**

- o Aroma therapy

- o Behavior change presentations and classes to employees
- o Books or DVDs
- o Building uses: floors, beams, columns, roofing, piles, bricks, mortar, panels, plaster
- o Constructing a permanent sports field, pool, court, or similar recreational facility
- o Costs associated with hosting a health fair
- o Costs for providing employee health screenings
- o Designated smoking areas, shelters, and ashtrays
- o Ergonomic chairs
- o Fitness club memberships including on-line memberships
- o Home exercise equipment
- o Magazine subscriptions
- o Massage therapy
- o Scales or BMI measuring devices
- o Shower facilities
- o Stability balls to use in lieu of desk chairs
- o Subsidizing the ongoing cost of a weight loss program or group
- o Teaching/facilitating fitness and yoga classes
- o Team building activities
- o Tools like stress balls, massage chairs, handheld massage tools like bump balls
- o Video gaming equipment

**Well-Being Specific Unallowable:**

- o Behavior change classes
- o Mental health or chemical health treatment