



Helping artists and their community build assets and equity

## Spending Plan

### Overview

1. Remember your **CORE STRENGTH** is using **TOOLS**
2. A spending plan is a **TOOL** to achieve your **SAVINGS** goals
3. Savings allows you to **INVEST** in your ability to make work in the **FUTURE**
4. Assess your **REAL** needs
  - a. Decide what you **WANT** versus what you **NEED**
    - i. This is not about punishment, this is about practicalities
5. Set your **GOALS**— Make a **PLAN** to achieve **SOLVENCY, STABILITY, SECURITY**
  - a. Break it down into the **SMALLEST** steps you can
  - b. Write down each one your **SMALL** steps
6. Take action/share your goals
7. Re-visit your **CORE STRENGTHS**
8. Chart your **PROGRESS**
  - a. Every small step is a small step forward

### Guidelines

This chart shows some rough guidelines on how much of your income to allocate toward different household expenses. These are general guidelines and may not reflect how to best allocate your own income. For example, if you live in an area where transportation is higher than normal or rents/mortgage are higher, you may need to make adjustments.

#### Percentage of Income/Household Expense

30%	Housing
18%	Transportation
15%	Food
8%	Miscellaneous
5%	Clothing
5%	Medical
5%	Recreation
5%	Utilities
5%	Savings
4%	Other Debt



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## Solvency, Stability, Security

### Solvency

- You can make all your payments on or ahead of time
- You can enact your **SAVINGS** plan
- You can build savings every month to have an emergency fund

### Stability

- You can achieve all of your **SOLVENCY** goals plus:
- You have enough money in your emergency fund to last through unforeseen circumstances
  - A change in employment
  - A job loss
  - A change in market forces (ie a recession....)
- You are able to save money towards **FUTURE** goals
  - Homeownership
  - Retirement
  - College

### Security

- You can achieve all of your **STABILITY** goals plus:
- You are able to grow your future goal **SAVINGS**
- You are able to act on **FUTURE** Goals
  - Own a Home
  - Send Kids to College
  - Retire