INTERPRETING DECLINES:

1. **P-card Declines: OUT OF BUDGET MONEY**
   - Drill into the time to find the reason for the decline. This example shows the VELOCITY LIMIT is 500.00 and the account exceeded the velocity amount. The velocity amount is the budgeted amount of the p-card account in PeopleSoft. A budget transfer must be made into the p-card account (usually 68370) by the Departmental P-card Administrator. Keep in mind, the budget transfer, if done by 2 pm will generate an e-mail to the bank and be available by noon on the NEXT business day. **BUDGET TRANSFERS ARE NOT REAL-TIME FOR P-CARD.**

   **Auth Time:** 09:58 PM ET  **Type of Request:** Mail/Phn Order  **MCC Description:** COMPUTER
   **Response:** Declined  **Transaction Amount:** $49.00

   The Request was declined due to 0813 Exceeded account velocity amount
   The Request was declined at the CORPORATE
   The velocity type for the decline was UNKNOWN
   The velocity limit was $500.00
   The following reasons would also have declined the request:
   1. 0813 Exceeded account velocity amount

2. **P-card Declines: MCC EXCLUDE or THE PURCHASE IS NOT ALLOWED**

   P-cards are set up with certain restrictions which are not allowed such as travel and entertainment related expenses (restaurants, airfare, buses, hotels, museums, etc) professional services, (physicians, lawyers, accountants, consultants, etc, utilities) and cash advances. The cards are designed to decline if purchases are attempted for these businesses. Please contact pcard@bc.edu if the MCC Code is incorrect or in emergency situations.
3. **P-card Declines: CRV STATUS Card is Not Activated:**

New and renewed p-cards must be activated by calling 1-800-344-5696. Instructions are given to every cardholder to activate the card using “0000” as the last four digits of the social security number. (Social security numbers are NOT associated with cardholder.) Please have the cardholder activate his/her p-card.

4. **P-card Declines: Q-9 Status: The Grant has ended**

P-cards on grants have an end date different from operating budgets which end on May 31. This end-date is sent to US Bank when the P-card is first set up. If the p-card is declining and the end-date has been extended, please check with the Departmental P-card Administrator to see if the date has been changed by the Office of Sponsored Programs in PeopleSoft.
5. **P-Card Declines: DECLINE AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL: The cardholder has exceeded the single transaction limit or the monthly limit.**

University Standard Limits are set a $4999.00 per transaction and $20,000.00 per month (provided there is budget money available). Single transaction limits may be lower than the University Standard, as determined by the P-1, but cannot exceed 4999.00. However, the monthly limit can be increased depending on a department’s budget if necessary. Please contact the Departmental P-card Administrator if you need to increase the monthly limit. Monthly limits refresh after the bank cycle date, usually the 27th of the month.

6. **P-card Declines: ADS I Strategy: Account not verifying.**

This decline is due to an address, expiration date, Security Code (on the back), or zip code not matching the cardholder’s records. The vendor must try the charge again after going over the verification information.
7. **Credit Rating: Fraud alert**

US Bank diligently works to prevent fraud. If a p-card has unusual activity, small dollar charges (such as 1.00 or 2.00), red-flag vendors (such as foreign vendors or unsecured on-line companies), or vendors not normally used by the cardholder, the bank will temporarily close the account until the cardholder is reached. This decline is due to a fraud alert. The decline may also say, “Caution Account” or “Fraud”. If the cardholder has not been notified already by US Bank, they must call the Fraud Investigations department at 1-800-523-9078 to verify charges.