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* ****Cost Principles:**** Guidelines for determining the allowability, allocability, and reasonableness of costs incurred in a grant-funded project or program.

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****Challenges:****

* ****Budget Negotiation:**** Negotiating the budget can be a challenge, as the grantor may have a specific budget in mind, while the grantee may have different needs and priorities. It is important to be flexible and open to compromise during budget negotiations.

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****Examples:****

* A nonprofit organization applies for a grant to fund a new after-school program. During the grant agreement negotiation, the grantor and the grantee discuss and agree on the amount of funding, the project period, the reporting requirements, and the budget for the program. Once the grant agreement is executed, the grantee begins implementing the program and submits regular financial and performance reports to the grantor to ensure compliance with the grant agreement.

* A community health center applies for a grant to expand its services to include mental health counseling. During the grant agreement negotiation, the grantor and the grantee discuss and agree on the amount of funding, the project period, the reporting requirements, and the budget for the new mental health counseling program. Once the grant agreement is executed, the grantee hires additional staff and purchases new equipment to begin offering mental health counseling services. The grantee also submits regular financial and performance reports to the grantor to ensure compliance with the grant agreement.

****Practical Applications:****

* During the grant agreement negotiation, be prepared to discuss and negotiate the budget, project period, reporting requirements, and any other specific requirements of the grant.

* Once the grant agreement is executed, be sure to carefully review and follow all of the terms and conditions, including the budget, project period, and reporting requirements.

* Maintain clear and accurate financial records to ensure compliance with the grant agreement and to facilitate the preparation of financial reports.

* Submit all required reports in a timely and accurate manner to ensure compliance with the grant agreement.

* If any issues arise during the grant-funded project or program, be sure to communicate with the grantor

and work collaboratively to address any concerns and ensure compliance with the grant agreement.

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