The use of **federal funds** must meet the basic cost principles as described in [Part 200 of the Uniform Grants Guidance](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200#_top) (UGG), and not be listed as an “unallowable” cost.

* To be considered **necessary,** the cost must be essential for the operation of the program.
* A cost is considered **reasonable** if it not excessive and is based on prudent purchasing practices.
* A cost is **allocable** if it benefits the program in proportion to the percentage charged to the program.

**Questions to consider:**

1. How does the cost/purchase **meet a need** *(necessary)* identified in our needs assessment?
2. How does the cost/purchase help us achieve the goals in our school/district plan?
3. What is the **size of this cost** *(reasonable)* in comparison to the overall budget?
4. Would purchase of this item pass the “**headline test**?”
5. Does the cost/purchase meet the **purpose** of the program *(allocable)*?

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| **XYZ School District Expenditure Request Form** |
| **Point Person:**  | **Date of Submission:**  |
| If a team is proposing, please list names: |
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| **Expenditure Type:** [ ] Field Trip [ ] Speaker [ ] Supplies [ ] Other | **Date of Event or Desired Delivery Date:**  |
| **Proposal Overview:** Which goal in the school improvement plan is this request connected to? Which students will this purchase benefit? What is the rationale/expected impact of this purchase?  |
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| **Items requested (add more cells if needed)**Include links if appropriate |
| **ITEM** | COST | QTY | **Total** |
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| **Total** |  |