OVERVIEW: COST ALLOCATION

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Cost allocation is a process of assigning a cost to an item shared by two or more programs. The goal is to ensure that each program bears its fair share, and only its fair share, of the total cost of the item. In Head Start grantee agencies, cost allocation refers to the allocation of costs to various sources of funding, not to accounting Categories. Programs that have multiple funding sources need to have a way to assign costs to the correct payment stream.

Learning Outcomes

- Participants will receive an overview of cost allocation requirements.
- Participants will better understand and acquire information about developing cost allocation bases.
- Participants will better understand the requirements of the appropriations law as it pertains to cost allocation.
- Participants will gain further insight into and understanding of the audit requirements.