Definition and Examples of Locally Incurred Costs

Locally incurred costs include:

1. Costs incurred and paid locally, and
2. Costs incurred locally and paid in the U.S. if material (the audit firm is responsible for reasonably defining the materiality threshold.), but
3. Locally incurred costs do not include expatriates’ costs paid in the U.S.

Locally incurred costs do not just include costs that are “paid” locally only. Locally incurred costs include costs incurred in the West bank, Gaza and Israel even if paid in or from the U.S. - where it is the auditor’s responsibility to define its materiality.  If material, these costs should be audited.

Excluded from locally incurred costs are expatriates’ salaries, allowances, and overhead that are paid in the U.S. Whether material or not, these expatriate related costs should not be audited.  However, expatriates’ allowances which are incurred and paid locally (i.e., house rent, utilities, property taxes, local school tuition and fees, etc.) are locally incurred costs and should be covered by the audit.

Please see the below list of sample costs and their typical categorization.

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|   | Type of Cost | Locally Incurred Costs  |   | Not Locally Incurred Costs | Comment |
| I | Expats Related |   |   |   |   |
| 1 | Salaries |  |  | **√** | If paid in the States |
| 2 | Allowances |  |  |  |   |
|   | Danger pay |  |  | **√** | If paid in the States |
|   | Post Differential |  |  | **√** | If paid in the States |
|   | Cost of Living  |  |  | **√** | If paid in the States |
|   | Education | **√** |  | **√** | L.I.C. if paid locally |
|   | Housing | **√** |  |  |   |
|   | Utilities | **√** |  |  |   |
|   | House Furnishings | **√** |  |  |   |
|   | House Appliances | **√** |  |  |   |
|   |   |  |  |  |   |
| II | Short/Long-Term Technical Assistance |  |  |  |   |
| 1 | Salary/Fees |  |  | **√** |   |
| 2 | Lodging | **√** |  |  |   |
| 3 | Perdiem  | **√** |  |  |   |
| 4 | Local Travel | **√** |  |  |   |
| 5 | Local Car Rental | **√** |  |  |   |
|   |   |  |  |  |   |
| III | Other |  |  |  |   |
| 1 | Office Rent | **√** |  |  |   |
| 2 | Salaries of local personnel | **√** |  |  |   |
| 3 | Fringe benefits for local personnel | **√** |  |  |   |
| 4 | Transportation costs | **√** |  |  |   |
| 5 | Fuel | **√** |  |  |   |
| 6 | Car Rental | **√** |  |  |   |
| 7 | Training Related Costs | **√** |  |  |   |
| 8 | Office Utilities | **√** |  |  |   |