Supporting ESRC researchers with costing

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A bit about the process

Grant Application To ESRC
- Costing
- Data management plan (DMPs)

Data deposit
- DMPs not included in regular data deposits
- Only as part of exemptions from depositing
Data management plans

- Costing not always or only partially included
- Costing not a must but a good idea to include in DMPs
- Costing tools exist that could help (UKDS costing tool, TU Delft)
Examples - extracts from DMPs

“…suitably anonymised raw data could be made available. This would require the work of a research assistant for a year at 0.5 WTE, together with a computer programmer, 2 months WTE to meet the ESDS archive standard. We estimate the additional cost would be £32,974. This includes estimated £10,400 needed to prepare meta-data for publishing.”

“…the main consideration is to have a reliable and new recorder with long battery life, which allows audio files to be transferred to the computer. Recorders are relatively inexpensive so it will not be difficult to fulfil this requirement.”
“Data will be offered to the UKDS for archiving at the end of the grant. This ensures that data will be accessible to other potential users, but that there are no ongoing upkeep costs to the project (unlike with institutional repositories).”

(about transcription) “‘enhanced dictation’ feature available that will bring a number of advantages: (…) it is better value for money, as there are no additional software costs.”

“I will hire a research assistant to remove any labels and clues from the data that may lead to the identification of individuals or organisations.”
Other things to consider

- Factor in time
  - for data input, transcription, translation, anonymization, cleaning etc.
  - to negotiate copyright permissions
  - to create good quality documentation

- Contact archives in advance to know what type of files are accepted.

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