Connecting Communities Digital Initiative
Grant for Libraries, Archives, Museums Webinar Q&A
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1. **What are the allowable purchases with the grant funds in terms of software and hardware, student’s stipends or fellowships?** Factors affecting allowability of costs can be found here: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-E/subject-group-ECFRea20080eff2ea53/section-200.403. GSA recommended rates for per diems, mileage, and lodging can be found here: https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates. The allowability of budgeted expenses will be assessed by the Grants office at the Library after the application has been submitted following guidance as laid out in 2 CFR Part 200.

2. **What is the difference between digital and analog collections?** Digital collections can be found online as opposed to physical items located in the Library.

3. **Can an institution have more than one unit or individual applying, or can only one individual or group apply per institution?** Yes, a single institution can collaborate across the same institution in applying for and fulfilling the grant. Do keep in mind, however, that the Library will only issue an agreement to the institution and will not issue an agreement to individuals or separate groups at the institution as stated in section C of the Notice.

4. **If research shows the Library has useful materials that are not currently digitized, can they be digitized upon request?** The LOC digitalization process is separate from this grant announcement.

5. **What program or platform is used to house the LC collections, for example Dspace, BePress or other?** The Library uses a number of MARC specialized tools. Please see https://www.loc.gov/marc/marctools.html.

6. **Can I hear more about the Community Collection Grant if you have time?** For more information please see https://www.loc.gov/programs/of-the-people/collect-and-preserve/community-collections-grant-application/.