

Digital Equity Partnerships Program

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Questions and Answers #2

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	Question	Answer
1.	Within the context of a digital navigator, are subsidized wages an allowable expense as part of a digital literacy initiative?	Yes
2.	Is there a preference for lead applicants that go through a formal procurement process to choose their project partners or for lead applicants that have established who their partners will be and include them in their application?	To the extent that lead applicants know who any sub-applicants or project partners will be they should cite them in their concept paper. Having partners identified at the outset of the application process will impact evaluation for Respondents that are invited to submit a full application.
3.	In the original Questions and Answers document published 10/17 you responded to question 18 with “The Digital Equity Partnerships program is not an infrastructure program.” To meet the requirements of the Wi-Fi Access Initiative, it’s likely that new fiber connections from the building(s) to an existing fiber network will be required to provide adequate broadband. Will the cost of connecting the building(s) to an existing network be eligible for coverage under the Digital Equity Partnerships program?	Yes