



Applicant Portal User Guide

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Applicant Portal Overview

The AmpliFund *Applicant Portal* allows organizations to submit applications to a funding opportunity. This guide for applicant users explains how to navigate the Applicant Portal, complete funder application forms, and add budget and performance plans during the application process.

Applicants may have received an opportunity-specific link from the funder, or a link to all of the funder's open opportunities.

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Getting Started on the Applicant Portal

Here are the steps applicant users should take to set up their Applicant Portal account before starting their opportunity application.

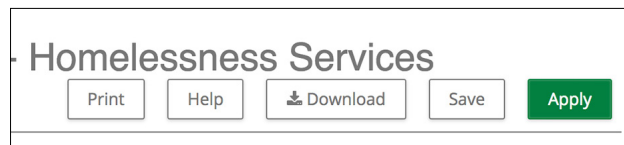
How To Create an Account on the Applicant Portal

The first time you access an opportunity through the Applicant Portal, you will be prompted to create a login and password. Alternatively, users may have received an email invitation from another user in their organization. Once you register, you will be able to access the opportunity.

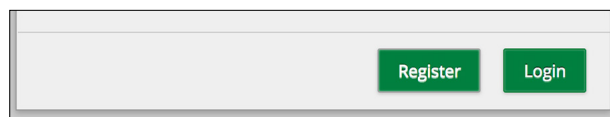
1. Use the **opportunity link** from the funder.
2. Click an open **opportunity name**.

Public Service Funding Opportunity - Homelessness Services	Unsubmitted	AmpliFund Training Grantor	Public Service Funding Opportunity - Homelessness Services	Open
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3. Click **Apply** to the right of the opportunity name.



4. On the login screen, click **Register**.

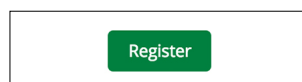


Warning

Each user must have a unique email address across all Applicant Portal accounts.

5. On the *Create New Account* page, add your **user information**, **contact information**, and **organization information**. All required fields are noted with an asterisk (*).

6. Click **Register**.

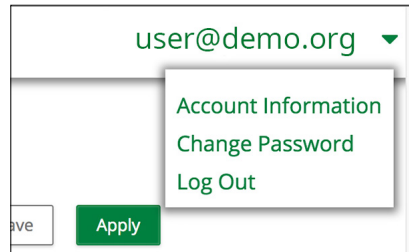


7. Click to **I Accept** to accept AmpliFund's terms and conditions.

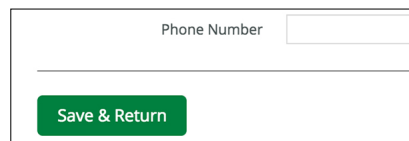
How To Edit Your Account Information

On the *Account Information* page, users may view and edit their password, contact information, and organization information.

1. Click your **email address** on the top-right corner of any page.



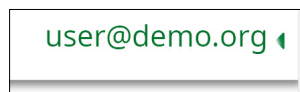
2. In the dropdown menu, select **Account Information**.
3. On the *Account Information* page, click **Edit**.
4. Update the information as necessary.
5. Click **Save & Return**.



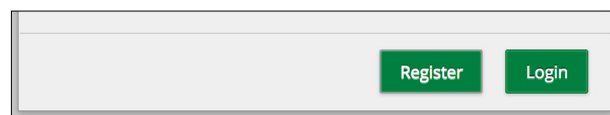
How To Log In to the Applicant Portal

Once you have registered on the Applicant Portal, use your email and password to log in to the Applicant Portal to access your saved, started, and submitted applications.

1. Use the **opportunity link** from the funder.
2. Click **Log In** in the top-right corner.

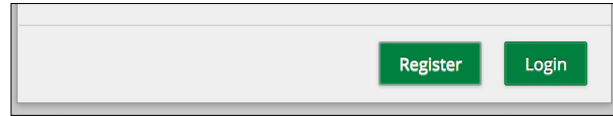


3. In the login window, enter your **Email** and **Password**.
4. Click **Login**.



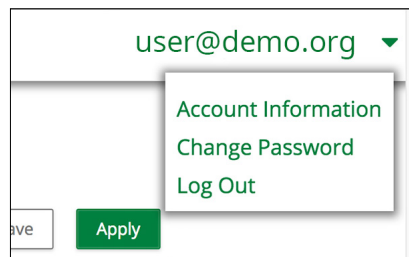
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1. Go to **gotomygrants.com**.
2. In the login window, enter your **Email** and **Password**.
3. Click **Login**.



How To Log Out of the Applicant Portal

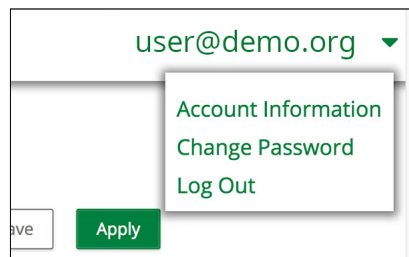
1. Click your **email address** on the top-right corner of any page.



2. In the dropdown menu, select **Log Out**.

How To Change Your Password

1. Click your **email address** on the top-right corner of any page.



2. In the dropdown menu, select **Change Password**.
3. Update the information as necessary.
4. Click **Save & Return**.

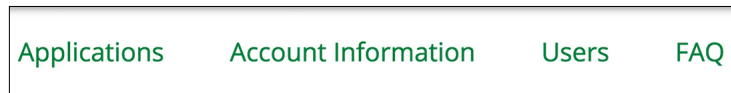
How To Invite Users to Your Organization Account

Prerequisite: Must be an Administrator user. The first user to register in an organization is an Administrator by default.

1. Open the **Applicant Portal**.
2. Click the **logo** in the top-left corner of any page.



3. Click **Users**.



4. Click **+ Add User**.



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Each user must have a unique email address across all Applicant Portal accounts.

5. Add the user's **Email Address**.








6. Select the user's **Role**.
 - **Administrator:** Administrators can create, edit, delete, and withdraw applications; create and edit accounts; and add new users.
 - **Editor:** Editors can edit applications and update their account settings.

Contact Information

7. Add the **user's name, mailing address, and phone number**. Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).
8. Click **Invite**.

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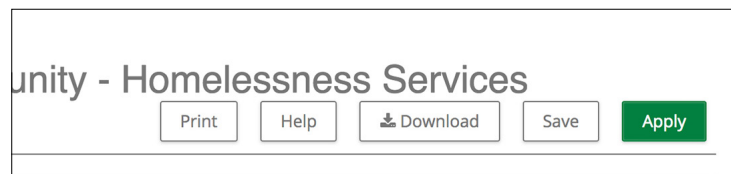
Managing and Applying to Opportunities

Once you have registered in the Applicant Portal, you can save opportunities, access the funder's forms and templates, and submit the application to the funder.

How To Save an Opportunity

Opportunities can be saved before submitting. Saved opportunities can be accessed by clicking the funder's logo in the top-left corner of the Applicant Portal.

1. Use the **opportunity link** from the funder.
2. On the opportunity details page, click **Save**.



How To View the Applications List

Saved and submitted applications can be viewed on the Applications list.

1. Click the **logo** in the top-left corner of any page.



2. Click **Applications**.



How To Delete an Application

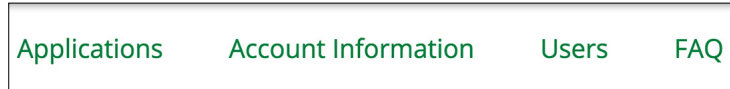
Once deleted, applications will no longer be accessible.


Prerequisite: Must be an Administrator user and application cannot be submitted.

1. Click the **logo** in the top-left corner of any page.



2. Click **Applications**.



3. Click the  (**Delete icon**) next to an application name.

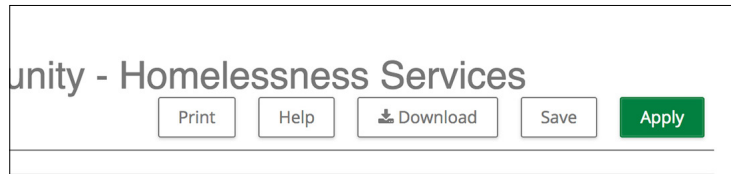
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4. In the confirmation pop-up window, click **Delete**.

How To Start an Application

Applications may be started from previously saved opportunities, or may be started directly from the opportunity link after registering.

1. Use the **opportunity link** from the funder.
2. On the opportunity details page, click **Apply**.



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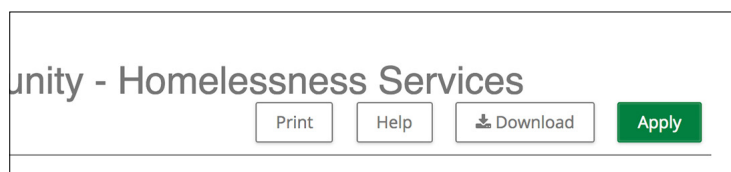
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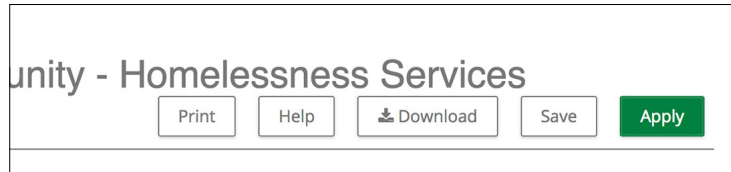
4. Click an **opportunity name**.
5. Click **Apply**.



How To Download an Application

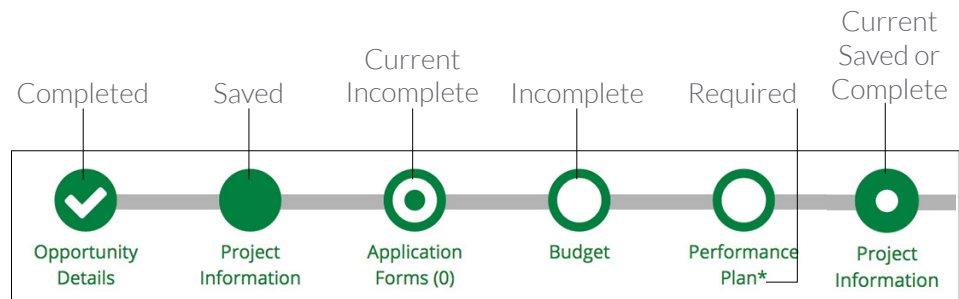
Applications can be downloaded at any time in the application process.

1. Use the **opportunity link** from the funder.
2. On the opportunity details page, click **Download**.



Application Progress

In the Applicant Portal, the application progress is displayed at the top of every page. You can also navigate to any page in the application by clicking the icon above the page's name in the progress bar. If a page is required for submission, an asterisk will appear next to the page name in the progress bar.



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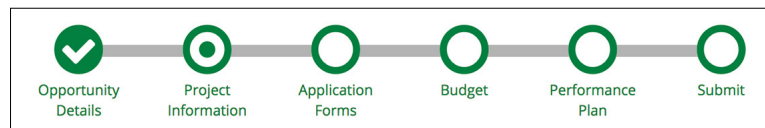
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Project Information

You can add your application information and primary contact information on the Project Information page. If the funder requires a Cash Match and/or an In-Kind Match, those amounts can be added in this section.

How To Complete Project Information

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Project Information**.

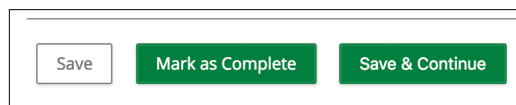


Application Information

3. Add the **Application Name**. The application name defaults to the opportunity name.
4. Add the **Total Amount of Award Requested**.
5. Add the **Total Amount of Cash Match** and **Total Amount of In-Kind Match**, if applicable.

Primary Contact Information

6. Add the application's primary **contact information**. The information in this section defaults to the contact information provided by the user who started the application.
7. Click **Save** to save your progress, **Mark as Complete** to save the page and mark as complete, or **Save & Continue** to save your progress and move to the next page. Your information will not be shared with the funding organization until you click **Submit** on the Submit page.



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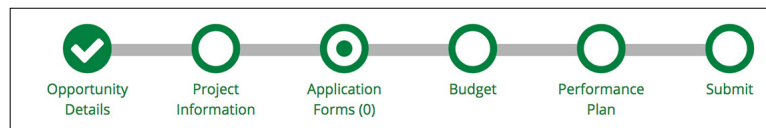
Application Forms

Application forms are funder-created custom forms that capture additional information about applicant organizations, activities, and proposed projects.

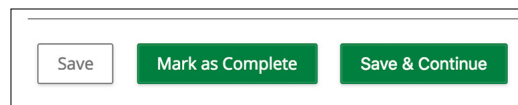
How To Complete Application Forms

The forms and fields will vary depending on the opportunity.

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Application Forms**.



1. Click a **form name**.
2. Add **responses** to the funder’s customized form. The form may contain text, multiple choice, or dropdown list questions, or requests for file upload.
3. Click **Save** to save your progress, **Mark as Complete** to save the page and mark as complete, or **Save & Continue** to save your progress and move to the next page. Your information will not be shared with the funding organization until you click **Submit** on the Submit page.



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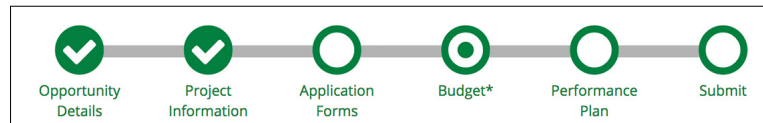
Budget

Depending on the opportunity settings, the funder may provide a budget for you to complete.

How To Add a Budget Category

Funders may provide a list of budget categories to use as you complete the template. Funders may also allow applicants to create their own budget categories. If this is permitted, **+ Create New Category** will appear on the budget.

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Budget**.



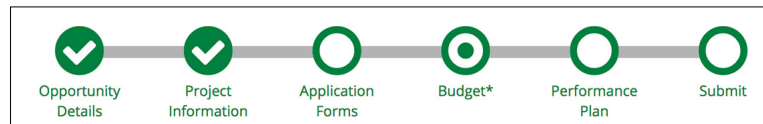
3. Click the **+ (Add icon)** next to *Create New Category*.

+ Create New Category		
Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

4. In the pop-up window, add category **Name**.
5. Add category **Description** (optional)
6. Click **Save**.

How To Add a Budget Line Item

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Budget**.



3. Click the **+ (Add icon)** next to a budget category name.
4. In the pop-up window, update **Category**, if necessary.
5. Select the line item Type.
 - **Personnel Line Item:** budgeted staff compensation expenses
 - **Non-Personnel Line Item:** budgeted expenses that do not fund staff

compensation

- **Benefit Type Line Item:** planned benefit expenses for all grant-funded staff

6. Add the line item **Name**.
7. Add the line item **Description** (optional).
8. Add the **Direct Cost**.
9. If available, select to **Calculate Match**.
 - a. If Yes, add the **dollar amount or percent (in decimal format)** of the line item that will be funded by Cash Match Amount or In-Kind Match Amount.

Direct Cost	<input type="text" value="\$500.00"/>
Calculate Match	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Grant Funded	<input type="text" value="\$400.00"/>
Match Amount*	<input type="text" value="\$100.00"/> <input type="button" value="Dollar"/> <input type="button" value="Percentage"/>
Total Budgeted	<input type="text" value="\$500.00"/>

10. Click **Save**.

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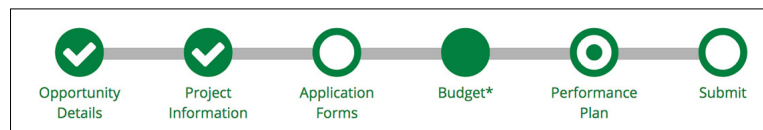
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Performance Plan

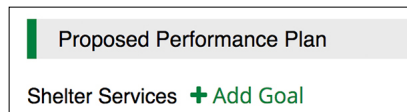
Depending on the opportunity settings, there may be a Performance Plan page. Funders may also include defined programmatic goals for applicants to meet through grant activities. If goals have been predefined, they will appear in the goal type dropdown.

How To Add a Performance Goal

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Performance Plan**.



3. Click **+ Add Goal**.

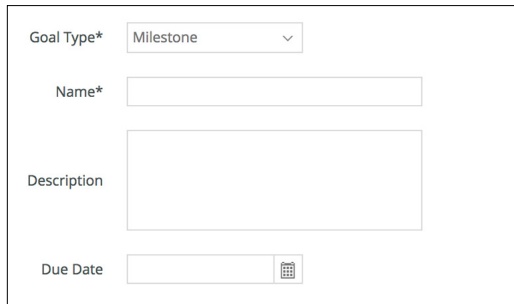


4. In the pop-up window, select a **Goal Type**. The available goal types may vary depending on the opportunity settings.
 - [Milestone](#): Track completion of grant milestones (i.e. Will you complete X?)
 - [Narrative](#): Capture a narrative response (i.e. How will you complete X?)
 - [Numeric](#): Track discrete numbers to achieve (i.e. Will you achieve X number?)
 - [Percent Achieved](#): Track a percent to achieve (i.e. Will you achieve X%?)
 - [Percent Change](#): Track a percent increase or decrease (i.e. Will you achieve X% increase?)
 - [Reimbursement](#): Track discrete units to achieve with a dollar rate per unit (i.e. Will you achieve X units with a reimbursement rate of \$Y/unit?)
5. Add a goal **Name**.
6. Add the **goal information**. The fields will vary depending on the goal type.
7. Click **Save**.

How To Add a **Milestone** Goal

Milestone goals are the most basic goal type. They allow for tracking progress on the completion of a "pass or fail" goal. An example of a milestone goal is "Create and send Q1 Staff Survey."

1. Click **+ Add Item**.
2. In the pop-up window, select **Milestone** from the *Goal Type* dropdown.



The screenshot shows a form with the following fields:

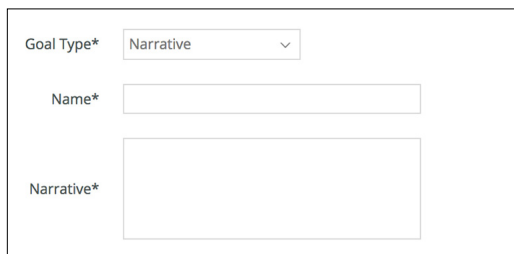
- Goal Type***: A dropdown menu with "Milestone" selected.
- Name***: A text input field.
- Description**: A larger text area for optional details.
- Due Date**: A date picker field with a calendar icon.

3. Add a goal **Name**.
4. Add the goal **Description** (optional).
5. Click **Save**.

How To Add a **Narrative** Goal

Narrative goals are question and answer goals. Responsible staff members may answer the question posed by the goal. An example of a narrative goal is "How successful was the grant-related activity this period?"

1. Click **+ Add Item**.
2. In the pop-up window, select **Narrative** from the *Goal Type* dropdown.



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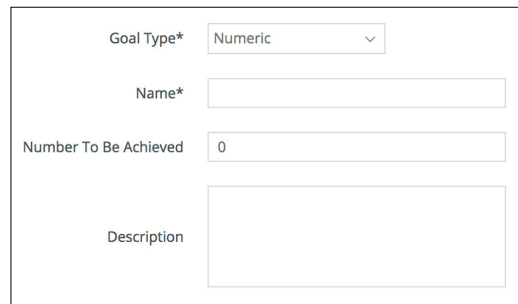
- Goal Type***: A dropdown menu with "Narrative" selected.
- Name***: A text input field.
- Narrative***: A larger text area for the question or narrative.

3. Add a goal **Name**.
4. Add the goal **Narrative**.
5. Click **Save**.

How To Add a **Numeric** Goal

Numeric goals are a discrete number to achieve. As units of the goal are completed, staff may record units completed. An example of a numeric goal is “number of program participants” with a goal target of 50.

1. Click **+** **Add Item**.
2. In the pop-up window, select **Numeric** from the *Goal Type* dropdown.



A screenshot of a form for adding a Numeric goal. The form is enclosed in a rectangular border and contains the following fields:

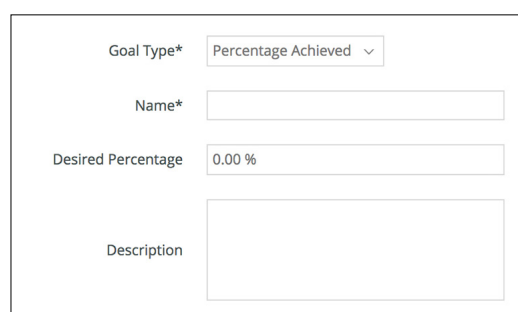
- Goal Type***: A dropdown menu with "Numeric" selected.
- Name***: A text input field.
- Number To Be Achieved**: A text input field with the value "0".
- Description**: A larger text input area.

3. Add a goal **Name**.
4. Add the goal **Number To Be Achieved** (optional).
5. Add the goal **Description** (optional).
6. Click **Save**.

How To Add a **Percent Achieved** Goal

Percent achieved goals are goals to reach a desired percent. When tracking progress against a percent achieved goal, staff may capture Total Possible and Total Achieved percentages. An example of a percent achieved goal is “Volunteer Retention Rate” with a goal target of 70%.

1. Click **+** **Add Item**.
2. In the pop-up window, select **Percent Achieved** from the *Goal Type* dropdown.



A screenshot of a form for adding a Percent Achieved goal. The form is enclosed in a rectangular border and contains the following fields:

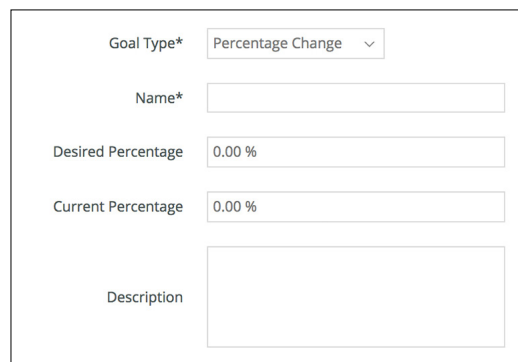
- Goal Type***: A dropdown menu with "Percentage Achieved" selected.
- Name***: A text input field.
- Desired Percentage**: A text input field with the value "0.00 %".
- Description**: A larger text input area.

3. Add a goal **Name**.
4. Add the **Desired Percentage** in decimal format (optional).
5. Add the goal **Description** (optional).
6. Click **Save**.

How To Add a **Percent Change** Goal

Percent change goals are goals to track a percent increase or decrease. Percent change goals are defined with a starting percent and a desired percent. When tracking progress against a percent change goal, staff may capture Total Possible and Total Achieved percentages. An example of a percent change goal is “Decrease in Student Absences” with a starting absentee rate of 10%, and a goal absentee rate of 3%.

1. Click **+ Add Item**.
2. In the pop-up window, select **Percent Change** from the *Goal Type* dropdown.



The screenshot shows a form for adding a Percent Change goal. It includes the following fields:

- Goal Type***: A dropdown menu with "Percentage Change" selected.
- Name***: A text input field.
- Desired Percentage**: A text input field containing "0.00 %".
- Current Percentage**: A text input field containing "0.00 %".
- Description**: A larger text input area.

3. Add a goal **Name**.
4. Add the **Desired Percentage** in decimal format (optional).
5. Add the **Current Percentage** in decimal format (optional).
6. Add the goal **Description** (optional).
7. Click **Save**.

How To Add a **Reimbursement** Goal

Reimbursement goals are goals with a discrete unit to achieve, and a dollar rate associated per unit. When tracking progress against a reimbursement goal, staff may enter Units Achieved. An optional checkbox field appears on each reimbursement goal type labeled “Add as budget item.” If the goal is

added as a budget item, the reimbursement goal will appear as part of the grant’s expense budget. If a reimbursement goal is shown on the grant budget, any updates made to the goal through the performance plan will automatically update the budget. An example of a Reimbursement goal is “Number of Patient Screenings” with target/maximum units of 100, and a reimbursement rate per unit of \$22. Reimbursement goals are used to support pay for performance grants.

1. Click **+** **Add Item**.
2. In the pop-up window, select **Reimbursement** from the *Goal Type* dropdown.

Goal Type*	Reimbursement
Name*	<input type="text"/>
Number To Be Achieved	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Rate Per Achievement	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Budgeted Amount	\$0.00
Description	<input type="text"/>

3. Add a goal **Name**.
4. Add the **Number To Be Achieved** (optional).
5. Add the **Rate Per Achievement** (optional).
6. Add the goal **Description** (optional).
7. Click **Save**.

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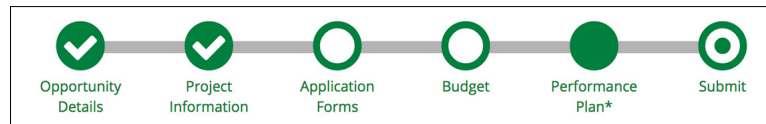
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Once all required fields and sections have been completed, your application can be submitted to the funding organization. The funding organization will be notified that your application is ready for review. In some cases, the funding organization may reopen your application for editing. If this happens, you will receive an email notification from no-reply@gotomygrants.com that will include a link to the application and further instructions from the funder.

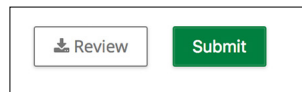
How To Review Your Application

You can download your application and its materials for review before submitting.

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Submit**.



3. Click **Review**.

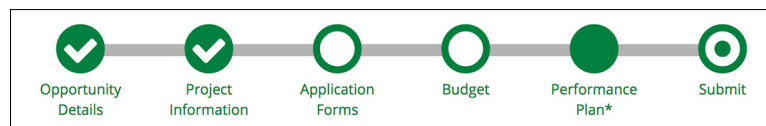


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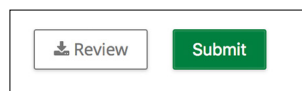
Prerequisite: Must be an Administrator user and all required sections must be Marked as Complete.

Submitted applications can be viewed on Application list.

1. Open the **opportunity**.
2. Click **Submit**.



3. Click **Submit**.



Warning

Once your application has been submitted, you cannot add, edit, or delete any application information.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I link my account to my organization's account?

If you received an email invitation from an organization user, your account is already linked to the organization account.

Who has access to the organization's applications?

All users tied to the organization can view and edit all open applications. Only Administrator users can create, delete, or withdraw applications.