

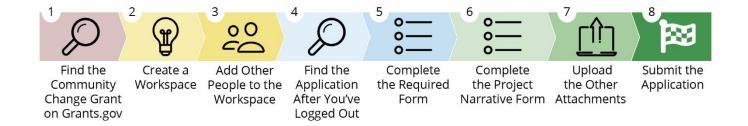


Purpose: This worksheet shows you how to submit an application to the Community Change Grants program using the workspaces on Grants.gov. It takes you step by step through the process with screenshots of what you can expect to see at each step of the process. In order to use Grants.gov you must have usernames and passwords for Login.gov, SAM.gov, and Grants.gov. If you do not have these accounts yet, first go to SAM.gov and create an account. See the <u>SAM.gov</u> and <u>Grants.gov checklists</u> and the <u>Registering to Apply for a Grant fact sheet.</u>

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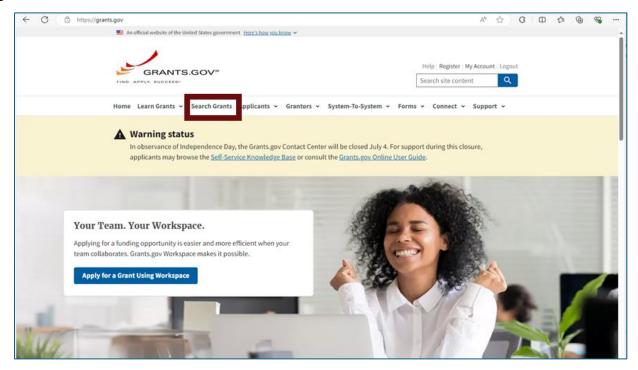
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Step 1: Find the Community Change Grant on Grants.gov

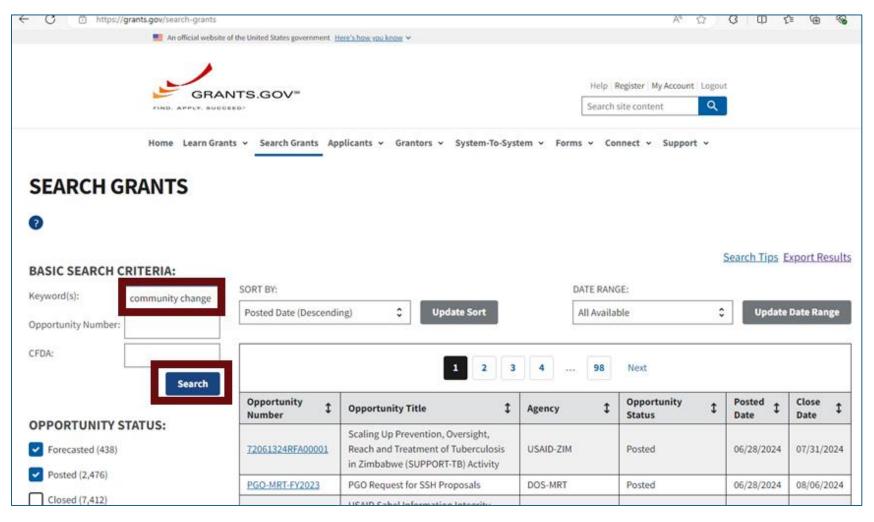
☐ Go to Grants.gov and click Search Grants.





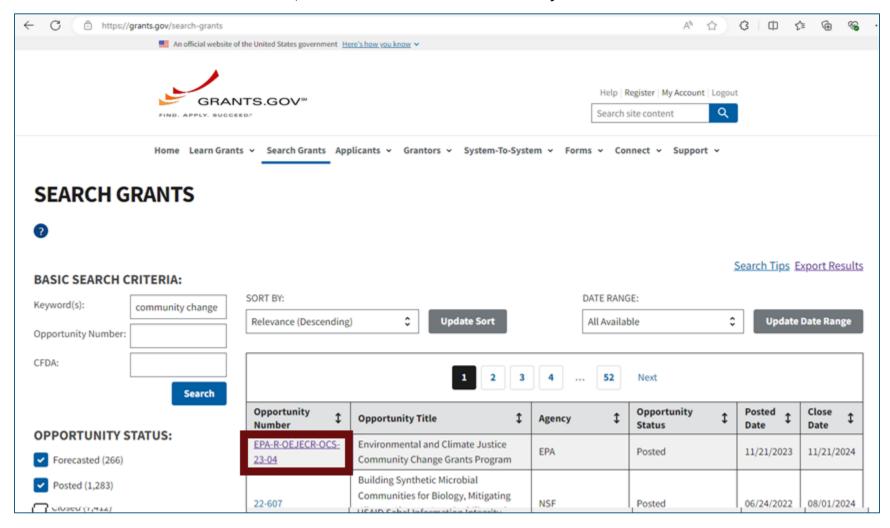
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☐ A page where you can search for grants will load. Under Opportunity Status, Forecasted and Posted are selected. You can leave these as the default or unselect Forecasted. Enter "community change" into the Keyword(s): box under BASIC SEARCH CRITERIA and click Search.





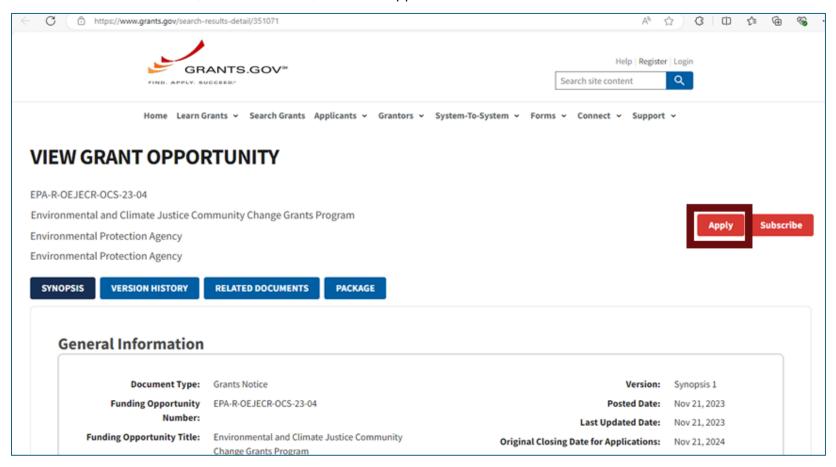
☐ In the table of search results that loads, scroll down to and click on EPA-R-OEJECR-OCS-23-04.





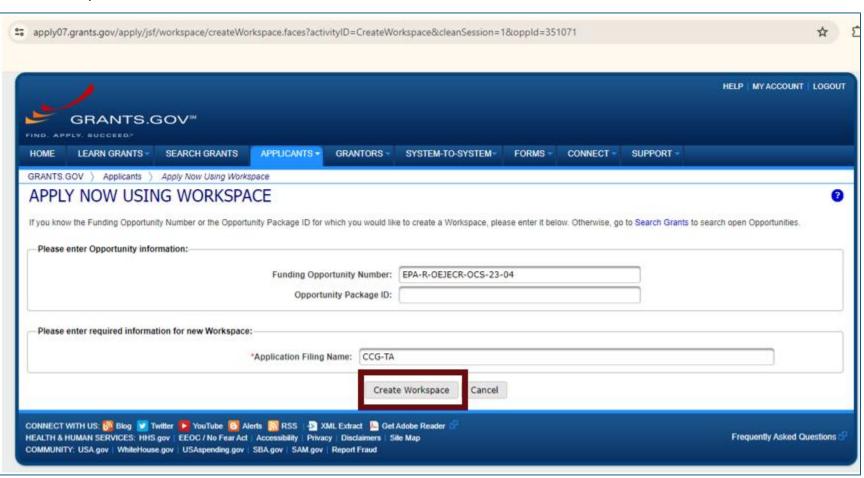
Step 2: Create a Workspace

☐ A page with details on the grant opportunity will load. Click Apply. This will allow you to create a Workspace. Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to access and edit different forms, online or offline, within an application.





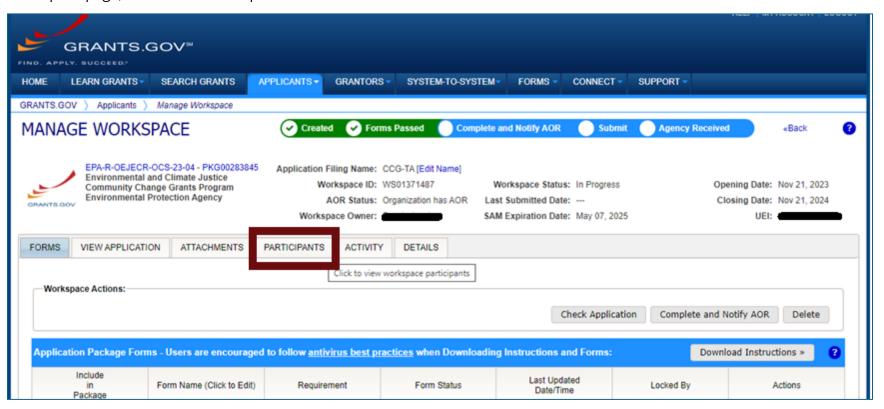
☐ The Apply Now Using Workspace page will load. The Funding Opportunity Number should be automatically populated. If not, enter EPA-R-OEJECR-OCS-23-04. Create an Application Filing Name, which is your project's workspace name. Then click Create Workspace.





Step 3: Add Other People to the Workspace.

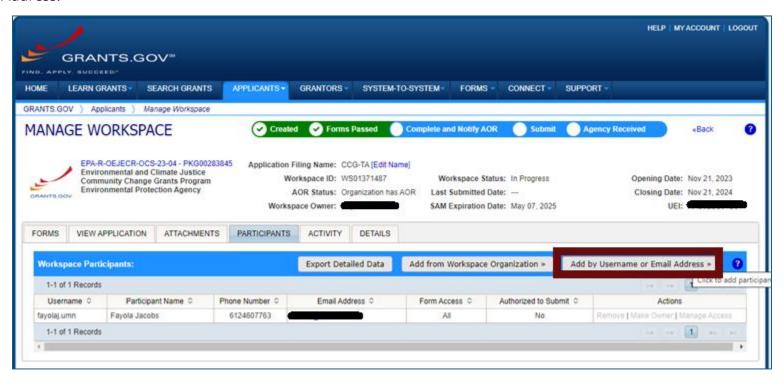
☐ You may want to add other people to the Workspace so they can help fill out and edit the application. On the Manage Workspace page, click on the Participants tab.



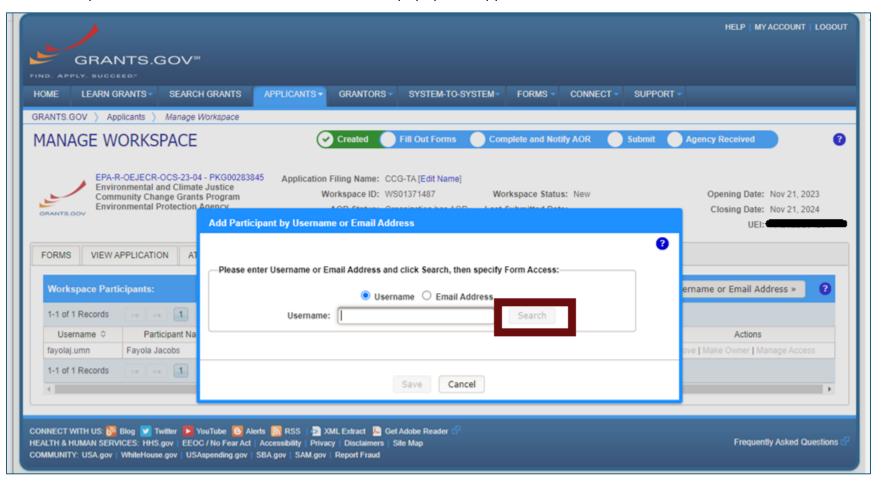




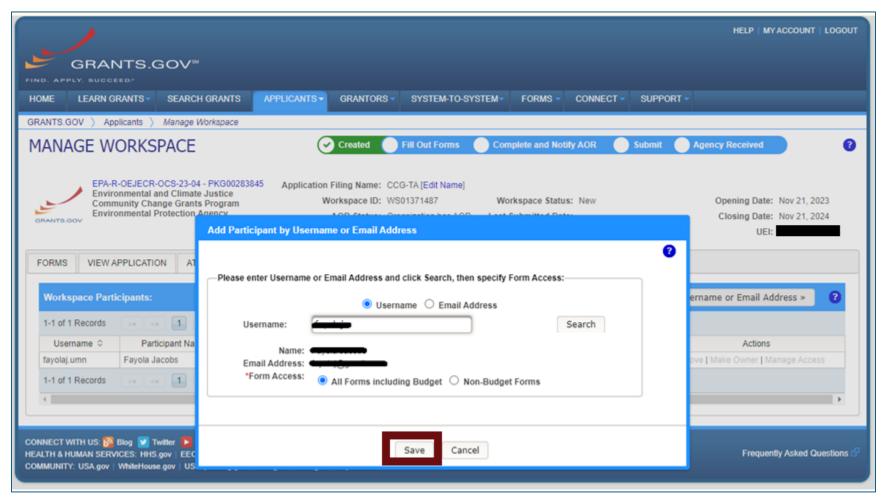
☐ On the Participants tab, people can be added by using their Grants.gov username or email address. If they do not have a Grants.gov account, they must create one before you are able to add them to the workspace, Click on Add by Username or Email Address.



☐ Enter the person's username or email address into the popup that appears, then click Search.

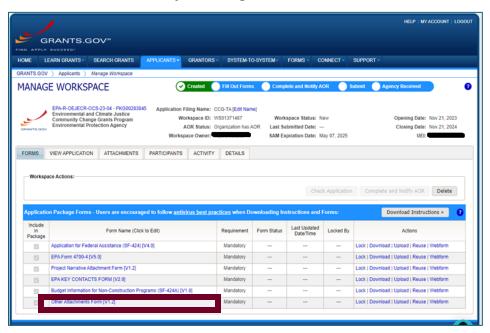


☐ If you are sure the person has a Grants.gov account, double check the email address or username. Once you find the right person, select whether to give them access to All Forms including Budget or Non-Budget Forms. If they will not be working on the budget forms, giving them access may not be necessary. Click Save.



□ On the Forms tab, there is a list of forms that should be included in the application, whether they're required, the status, when they were last updated, and who they were locked by. Each form listed in the CCG application's Workspace is required for the application: Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424); Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs; EPA Key Contacts Form 5700-54; EPA Preaward Compliance Review Report Form 4700-4; and Project Narrative Attachment Form. Please note that there is no dedicated form on the list to upload the documentation to demonstrate that your Lead Organization or Statutory Partner is a non-profit as required in Section III.A of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). There are also no dedicated forms for each of the attachments (Attachments A-G for Track I and Attachments A-C for Track II). These are still required, and you will upload them under the Other Attachments form.

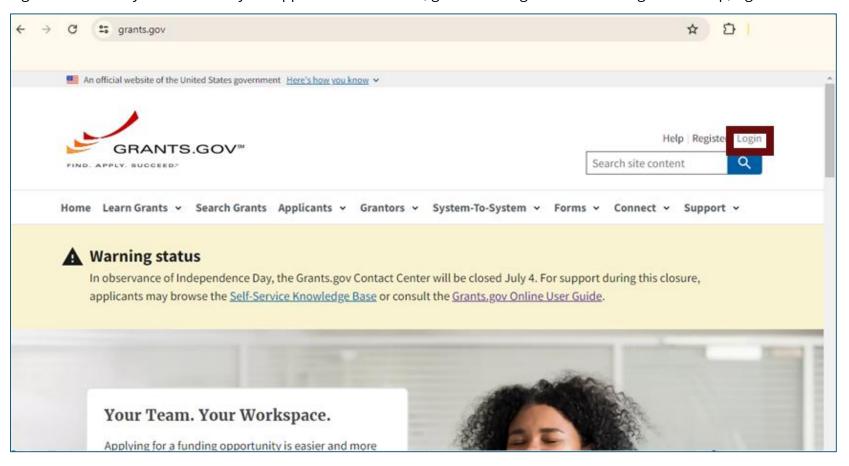
Anyone added to the Workspace can lock a form to prevent anyone else from editing it. The form can only be unlocked by the user who locked it. You may download the forms to fill out offline and upload the form that you've filled out, reuse the form from another application, or fill out the form online by selecting Webform.





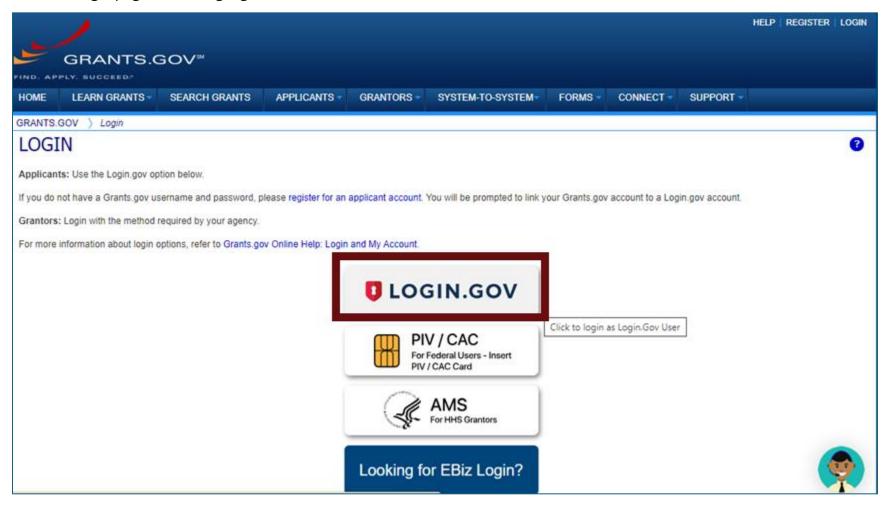
Step 4: Find the Application After You Have Logged Out

□ Quite often, at some point during Steps 1 to 3, the system may automatically log you out of Grants.gov. If this happens at, log back into the system and find your application. To do this, go to Grants.gov and select Login in the top, right corner.



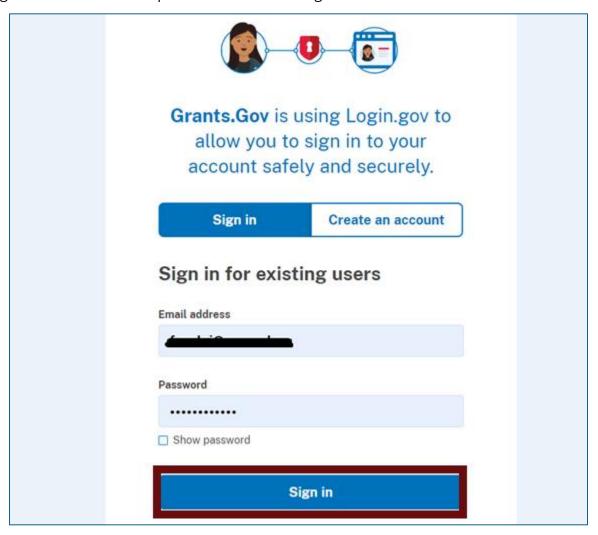


□On the Login page, select Login.gov

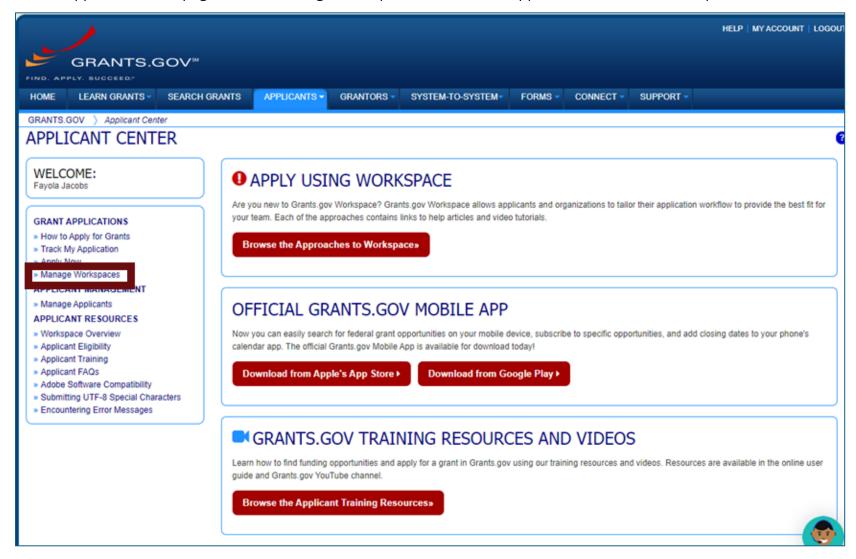




☐ Enter your Login.gov email address and password. Then click Sign in.



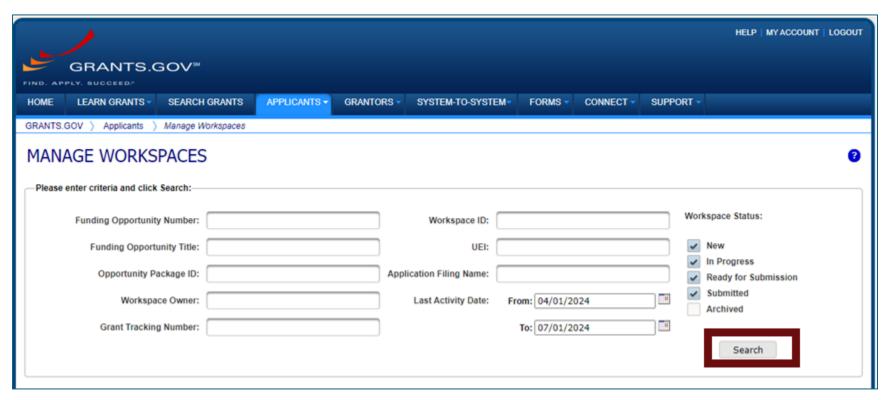
☐ On the Applicant Center page, click on Manage Workspaces under Grant applications in the left-hand panel.







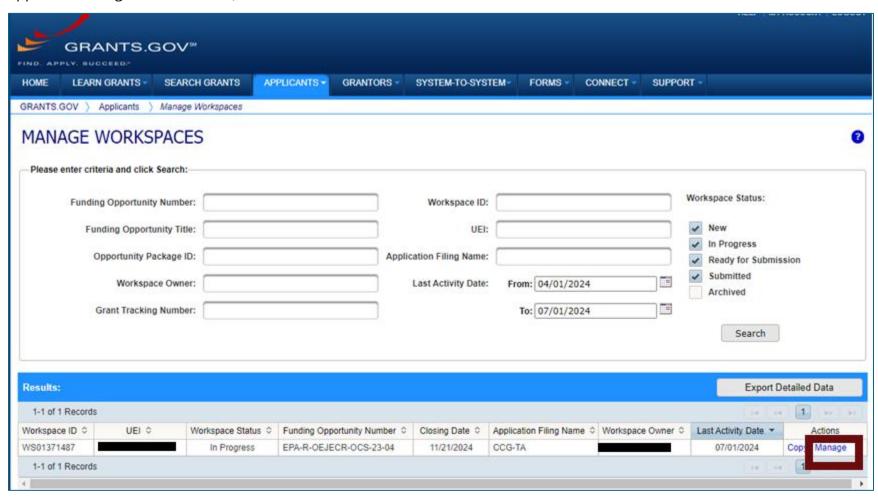
☐ On the Manage Workspaces page, make sure the Last Activity Date range includes the date of the last time you updated the application. If you have forgotten when the document was last edited, you can set your "From" date to be years ago. Then click Search.







☐ In the search results that appear, click Manage next to the relevant workspace (check the Funding Opportunity Number and Application Filing Name Columns).



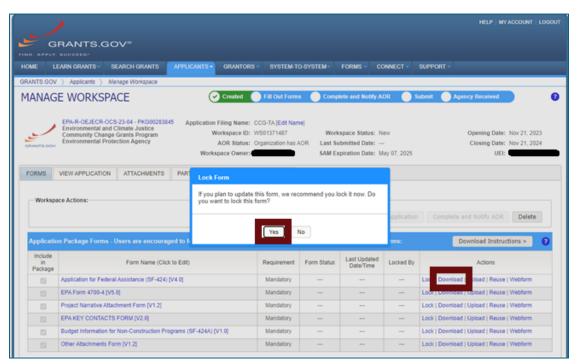


Step 5: Complete the Required Forms

You have two main options for filling out forms. Either download them to fill out in a PDF application on your computer or fill them out by using Webform online. After uploading a form, you may continue to edit it as a Webform, or you can download a Webform you've started to continue editing offline. Different methods can be used for each form.

Step 5, Option 1: Download the Forms

☐ Click Download under Actions. You will be asked whether you want to lock the form, which can be useful if you have multiple users working on the application and want to ensure they are not working on the same form at the same time. Click Yes.







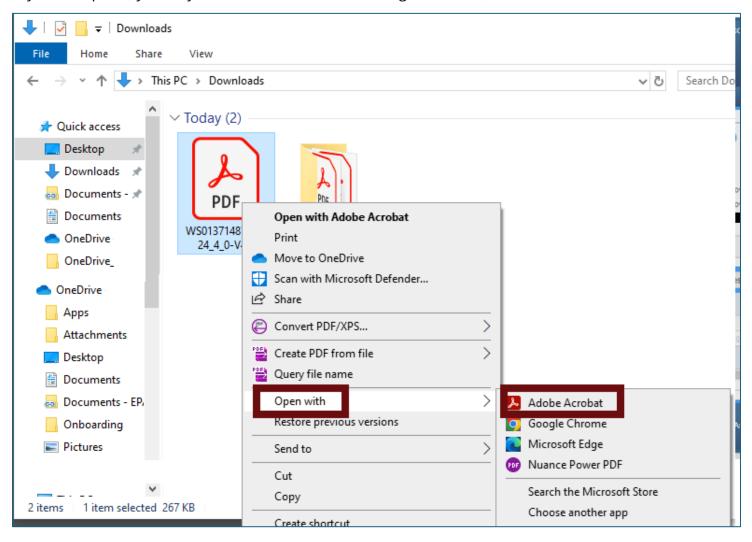
☐ If you get the message below when attempting to open the form, go to your Downloads folder or to the folder where your downloads are saved.

The document you are trying to load requires Adobe Reader 8 or higher. You may not have the Adobe Reader installed or your viewing environment may not be properly configured to use Adobe Reader.

For information on how to install Adobe Reader and configure your viewing environment please see http://www.adobe.com/go/pdf forms configure.



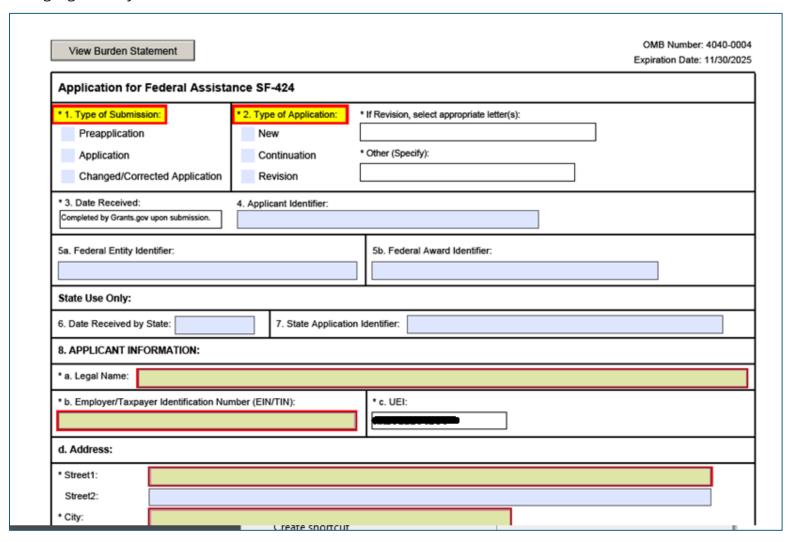
☐ Right click on the form you downloaded, go to Open with, and select Adobe Acrobat. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer, you may have to fill out the forms using Webforms, which is described later in this document.





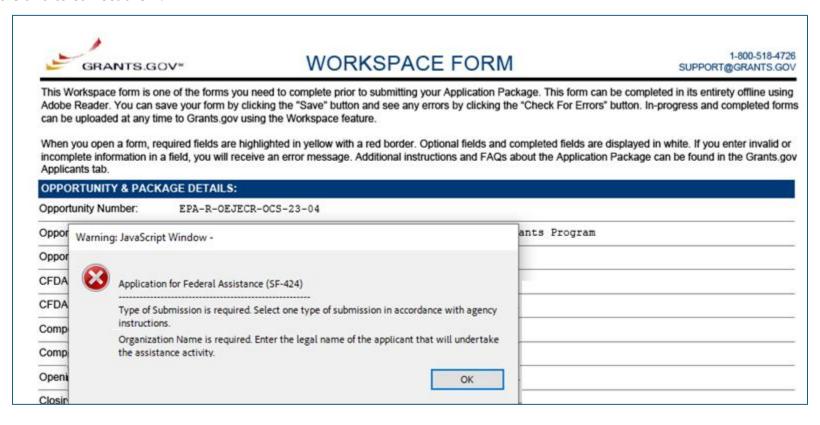


☐ Once you have opened the file, read the Workspace Form instructions on the first page. Scroll down and note that required fields are highlighted in yellow with a red border.

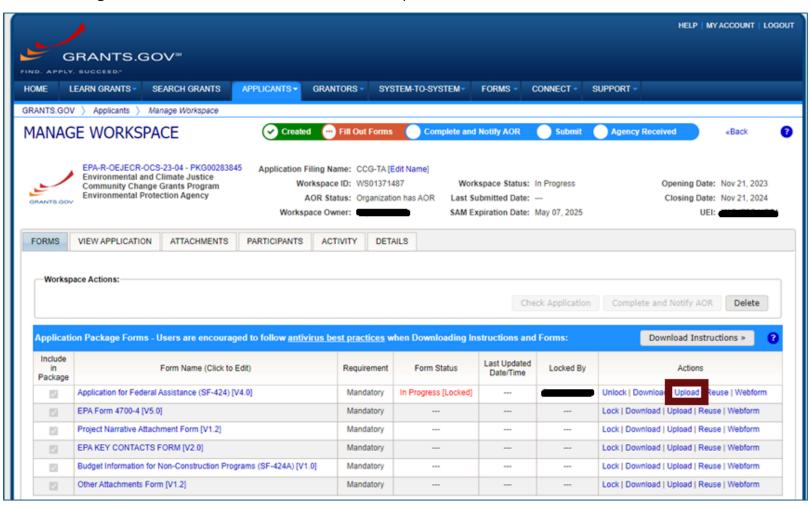




☐ Fill out all required fields and optional fields, as necessary. When finished, click Check for Errors on the first page to note any errors and to correct them.



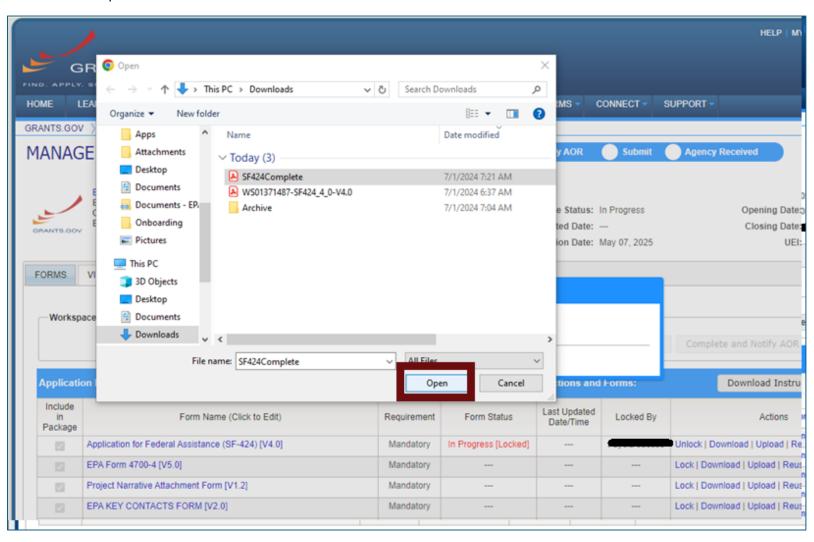
- □ Once all errors are corrected, click Save on the first page of the form and save the form using an easily identifiable name in an easy to find folder. You can always Save the form and return to complete it later.
- ☐ Back on Grants.gov on the Forms tab under Actions, select Upload next to the relevant form.





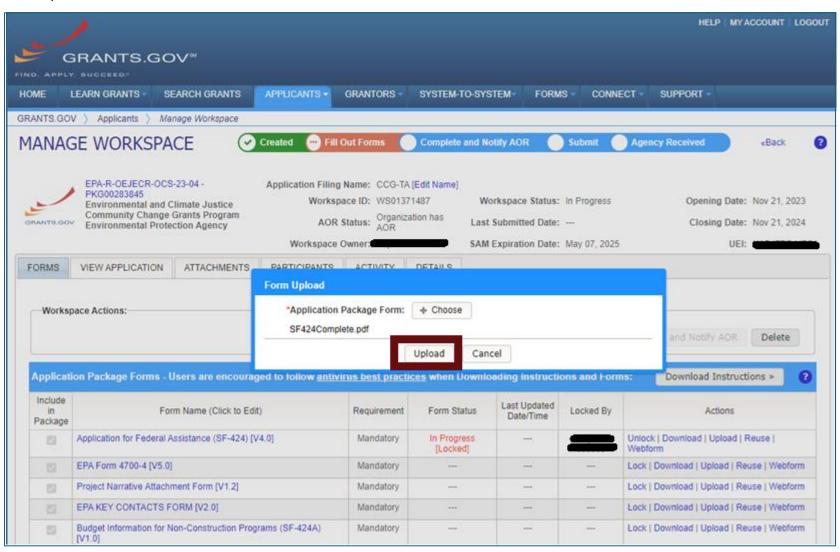
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□ Next to Application Package Form, select Choose and navigate to the folder where you saved the form. Select the completed form and click on Open.





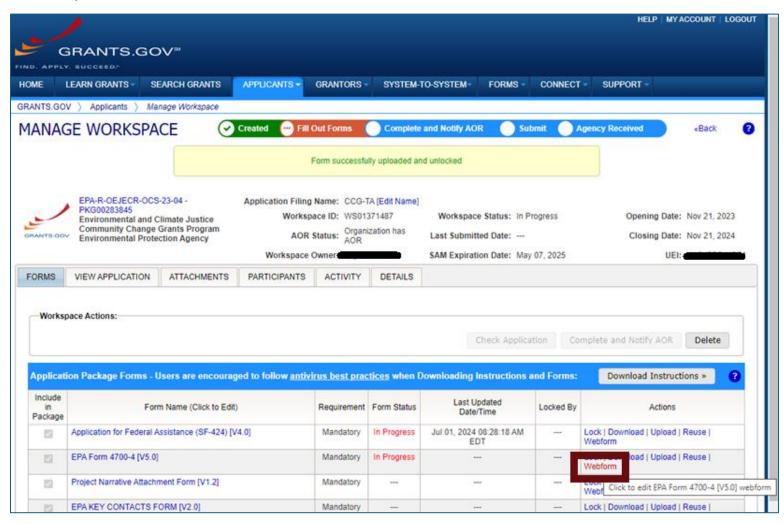
☐ Click Upload.





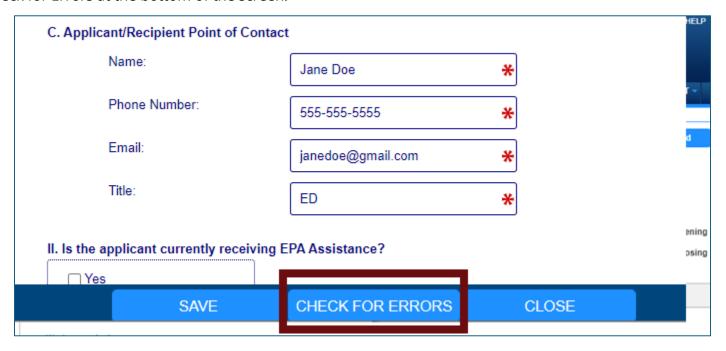
Step 5, Option 2: Use Webforms

☐ Under Actions, Click Webform.





- ☐ Read any relevant instructions before completing the form.
- ☐ Fill out all required fields and other fields, as applicable. You can save the form at any point by clicking on Save to return to it later.
- ☐ Click Check for Errors at the bottom of the screen.





□ Note the errors and correct them.

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Errors!

Check for Errors revealed the following errors:

- Applicant Info:
 - . Name is required: Enter the legal name of the applicant that will undertake the assistance activity.
 - · Address is required: Enter the address.
 - · City is required: Enter the City.
 - State is required: Select the state, US possession or military code from the provided list.
 - · Zip Code is required: Enter the Postal Code (e.g., ZIP code).

Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance

INSTRUCTIONS:

Note: Read Instructions before completing form.

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☐ Click Save at the bottom of the page, then OK on the popup dialog.





 \square Select Close at the bottom of the page.

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General. Recipients of Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must comply with the following statutes and regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 provides that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. The Act goes on to explain that the statute shall not be construed to authorize action with respect to any employment practice of any employer, employment agency, or labor organization (except where the primary objective of the Federal financial assistance is to provide employment). Section 13 of the 1972 Amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act provides that no person in the United States shall on the ground of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under the Federal Water Pollution

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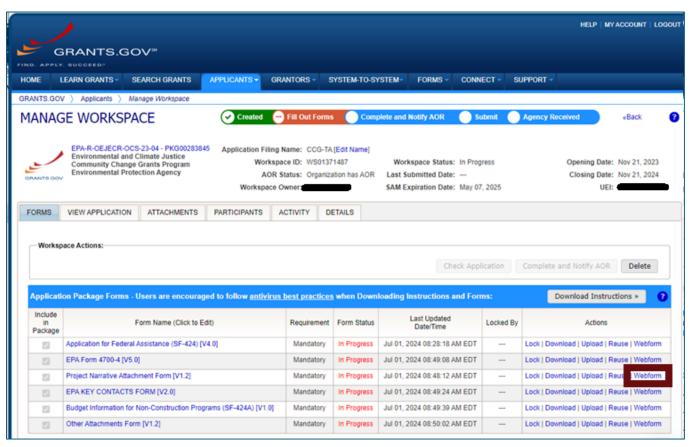
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Step 6: Complete the Project Narrative Form

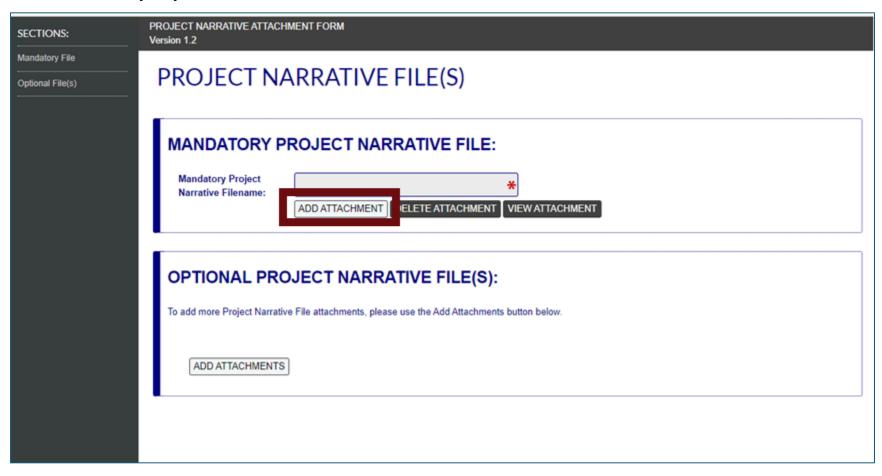
□ When you have written your Project Narrative, ensure that it is in a readable format. It is recommended that applicants use a standard font (e.g., Times New Roman, Calibri, and Arial) and a 12-point font size with one-inch margins. Ensure the file is within page limits for the relevant Track (20 pages for Track I, 15 pages for Track II). Select Webform next to Project Narrative Attachment Form [V1.2].





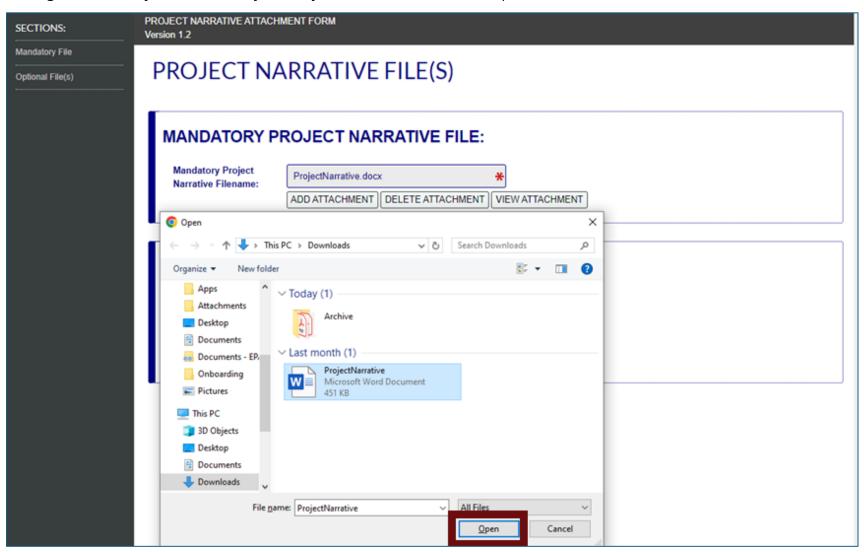


☐ Under Mandatory Project Narrative File, click Add Attachment.





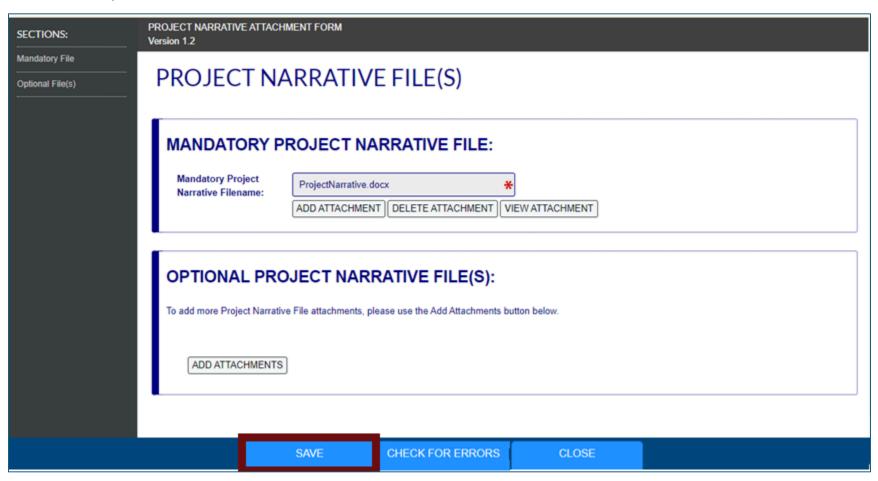
☐ Navigate to where you have saved your Project Narrative, then select Open.







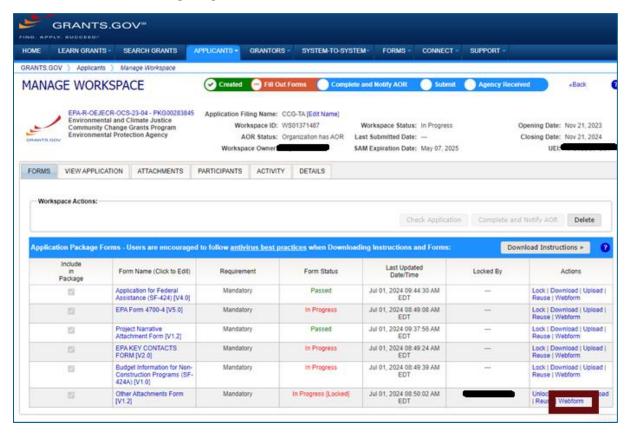
☐ Click on Save, and then Close.





Step 7: Upload the Other Attachments

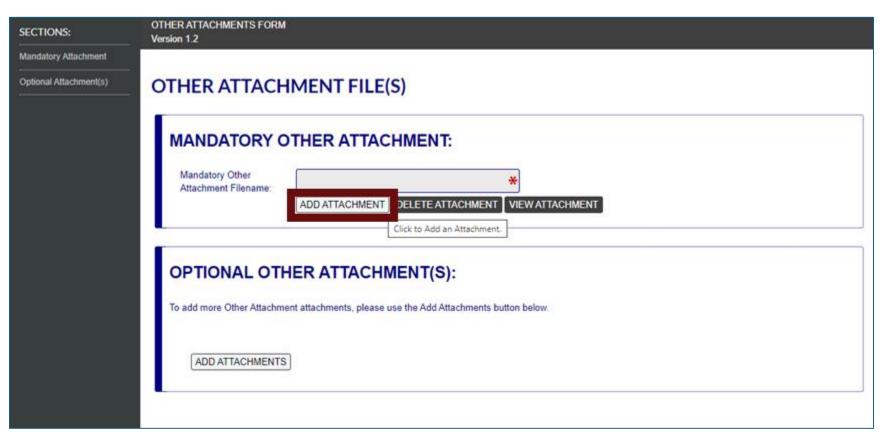
□ Check all Attachments as required by the NOFO including community-based non-profit organization (CBO) eligibility documentation (see NOFO Section III.A), Attachments A-G for Track I, Attachments A-C for Track II. Ensure the Attachments are in a readable format. It is recommended that applicants use a standard font (e.g., Times New Roman, Calibri, and Arial) and a 12-point font size with one-inch margins. Ensure the file is within page limits for the relevant Attachments. To upload, select Webform next to Other Attachments Form [V1.2].







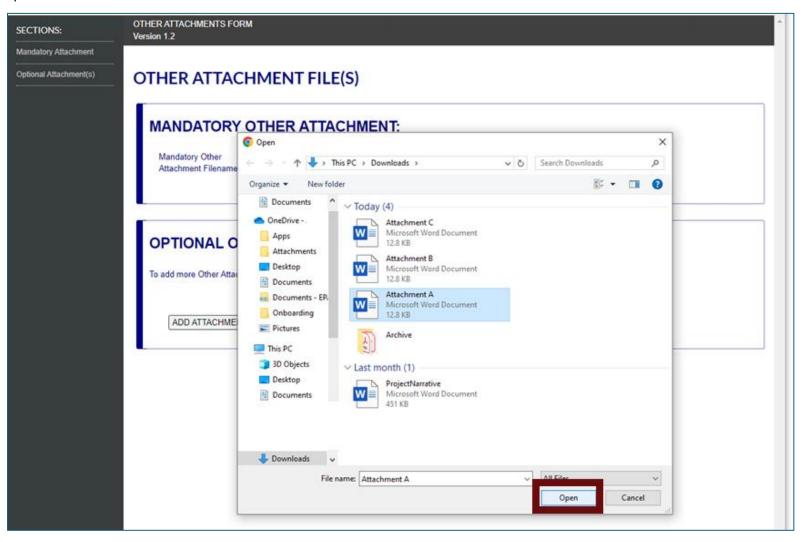
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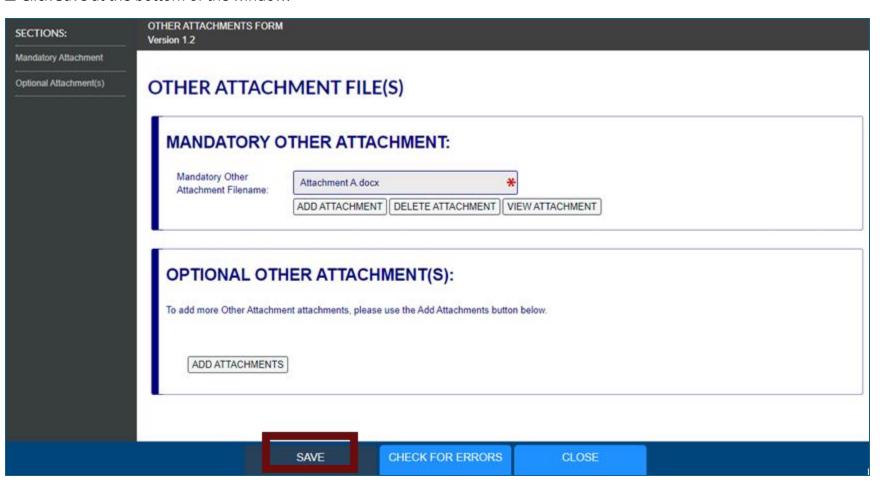
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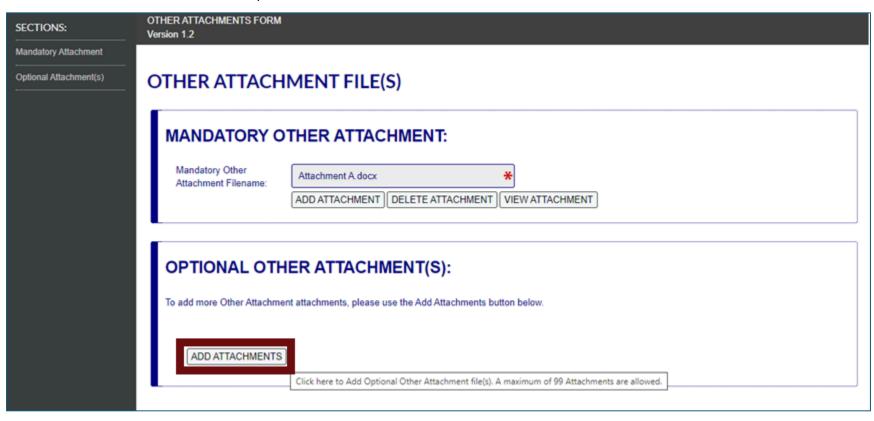
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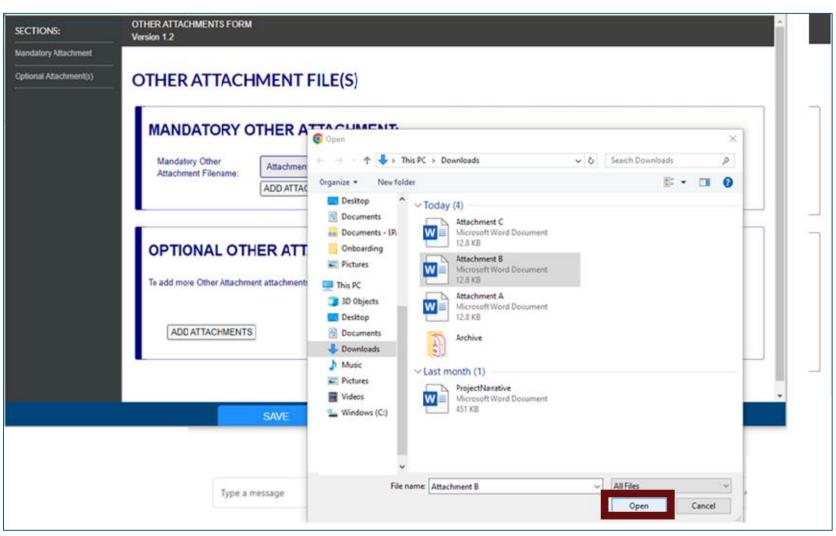
☐ Click on Add Attachments under Optional Other Attachment(s).







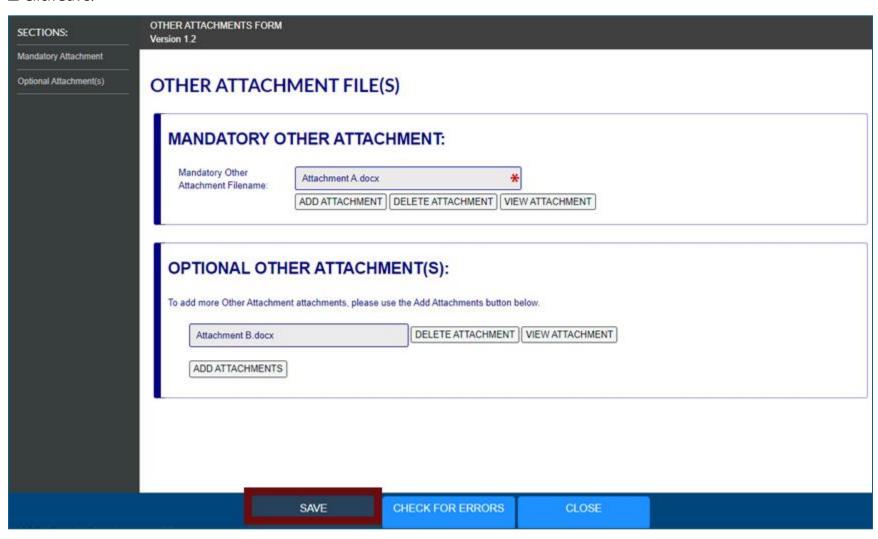
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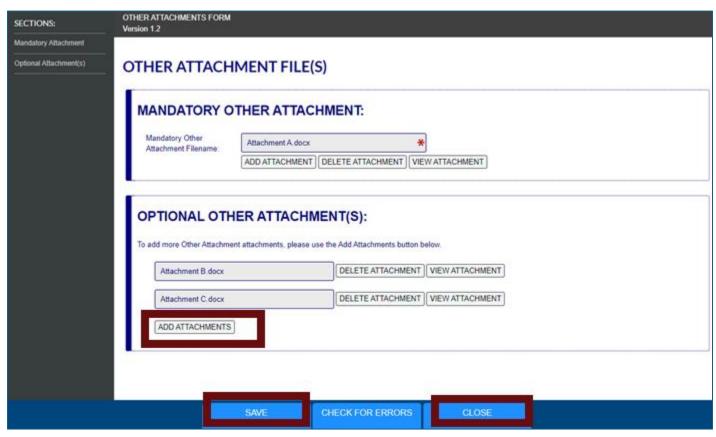
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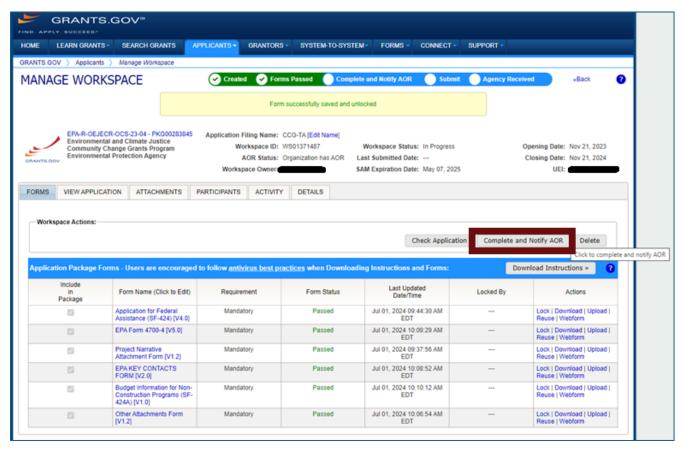
- ☐ To add more attachments, click on Add Attachments, and repeat the process until you have added all required attachments.
- \square Click Save, and then click Close.





Step 8: Submit the Application

☐ When your application is ready for submission, the Form Status field for all items should say Passed. If your organization has an Authorized Organizational Representative, the button under Workspace Actions (between Check Application and Delete) will say Complete and Notify AOR. Click on this button, and your application will be routed to the AOR who will review it and complete the submission process. Otherwise, the button will say Submit. Click on it to submit your application.





Resources

- 1. Grants.gov has a Support Center which is available 24/7 by email or phone, except on federal holidays.

 1-800-518-4726 (U.S.), 1-606-545-5035 (International), support@grants.gov or https://www.grants.gov/support
- 2. Grants.gov has an online help portal with articles that provide explanations and step-by-step instructions for applicants to complete various steps of the application process.
 - https://apply07.Grants.gov/help/html/help/index.htm#t=GetStarted%2FGetStarted.htm
- 3. Grants.gov has a YouTube channel with instructional videos on how to search for and apply for grants. There are also instructional videos to learn about workspace functions.
 - https://www.youtube.com/@GrantsGovUS