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Introduction

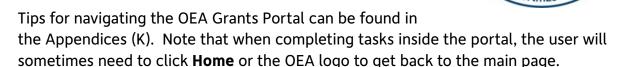
Welcome to the OEA Grants Portal!

The OEA Grants Portal (often referred to as EADS II) is designed to improve management of projects and grants from inception to closure. The portal is built using SmartSimple's GMS360° platform, an industry leading information management software that provides support to major grant and research institutions in North America and Europe.

OEA Grants Portal Benefits

The OEA Grants Portal provides:

- A seamless interface for improved collaboration between OEA and the grantee community.
- Improved overall user experience so that time and resources are freed from mundane, repetitive tasks.
- Improved service delivery.
- Improved interface with access to all of the forms needed to complete the application process, request amendments, and submit deliverables and reports.



NOTE:

Community users are "applicants" until a grant is awarded, then they become "grantees."



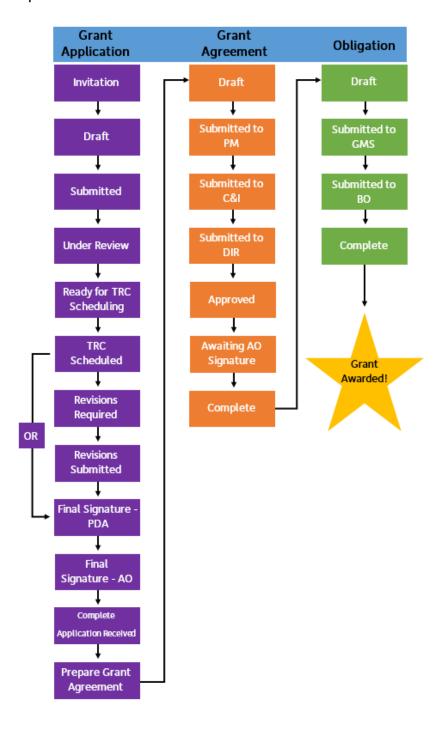




Grant Workflow

The flowchart below illustrates the steps involved (from both OEA and the applicant/grantee) in submitting a grant application, completing a Grant Agreement, and completing an obligation.

Refer to this flowchart when moving from step to step in the grant process. Note that items such as reports and closeouts are not on this flowchart.









Home Page

The user interface displays activities that are assigned to the community. Community Contacts (CC) and Authorizing Officials (AO) will both see the same view.

The portal includes the following features:

- Grant applications and grant activities displayed as tabs.
- Tabs organized in a chronological order to follow the community process between grant application, grant award, and grant activities.
- Quick access links to the OEA website and payment forms.
- Quick access links for viewing PDFs of submitted applications or a Grant Agreement.

Main Menu

The user will see the image below on their home page after logging into the OEA Grants Portal as a first time applicant or a returning grantee. The main menu has three tabs in the upper left corner: **Home, www.oea.gov,** and **Payment Forms**.



Home/Grants Management Menu

Clicking the first tab, **Home**, will return the grantee to the main screen as they are navigating the portal. Clicking the OEA logo in the top left also returns the user to the main screen. The **Grants Management** menu has seven (7) tabs containing the applications, grants, and activities assigned to the user. Further breakdowns of each tab are in their respective sections of this manual.

- Proposed Grants Tab (B)
- Awarded Grants Tab (C)
- Grant Agreements & Closeouts Tab (D)
- Grant Reports Tab (E)

- Grant Amendments Tab (F)
- Grant Deliverables Tab (G)
- Kick Off Meetings Tab (H)







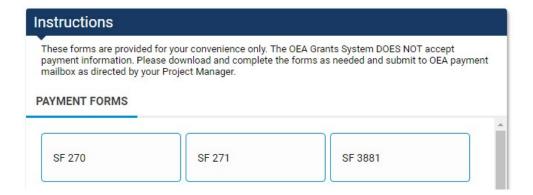
www.oea.gov

The second tab, **www.oea.gov**, links directly to the OEA homepage by opening in a new tab or window, depending on the web browser.

Payment Forms

The third and final tab, **Payment Forms**, will open the screen below. Clicking an icon will bring up one of three blank Payment Forms: SF 270, SF 271, and SF 3881. The forms will open up within the OEA window.

Click **Payment Forms** in the main menu to go back to the screen with all three forms listed.



NOTE:

A grantee must have a SF 3881 on file with OEA before any payment request can be processed. Additionally, the bank account information entered on the SF 3881 MUST MATCH what the grantee organization has entered in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov). If the bank account information does not match, the payment will be returned and will cause a delay.







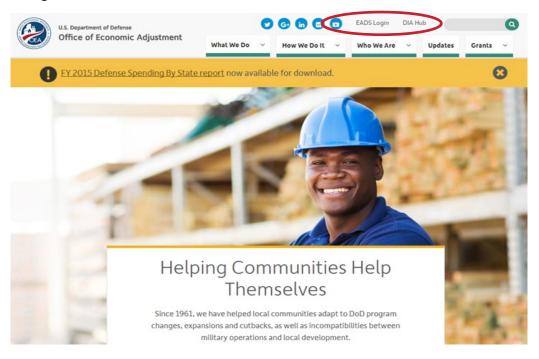
Login & Password

OEA Grants Portal

The OEA Grants Portal only requires a user name and password to authenticate and allow access to the system. Passwords must be changed before the first log in and every 60 days.

Community users (Authorizing Official, Primary Delegated Authority, Community Contact) must first be added to the system by OEA staff before they can access the OEA Grants Portal. Once users are successfully in the system, the OEA Grants Portal can be accessed one of two ways:

- 1. Open a new internet browser and enter: https://oeagrants.osd.mil
- 2. Select the EADS login link on the top right of the OEA homepage: http://www.oea.gov



NOTE:

OEA Grants Portal can be accessed in all major web browsers: Chrome, Firefox, and Internet Explorer. Chrome and Firefox are recommended as IE blocks some images and icons in the portal.







Community Roles

Access and edit rights in the OEA Grants Portal are defined by the role a user is assigned. Access to the OEA Grants Portal is controlled via username and password to ensure only authorized users are performing certain actions at given times.

Users CANNOT be assigned multiple roles or the workflow will be interrupted. For example, a user assigned the roles of AO and CC will not be able to see the AO's buttons as the system defaults to the lowest permission.

Authorizing Official (AO)

- The Authorizing Official role is given to the community user who is ultimately responsible for the overall grant.
- There can be only one AO for a community at any given time.
- The AO must have the legal authority to enter into financial agreements on behalf of the organization.
- The AO is the only user with rights to sign the documents to receive any agreed upon funding.
- The AO has the authority to sign and approve grant applications as well as amendments, Final Performance, and Federal Financial Reports on behalf of the organization.

Primary Delegated Authority (PDA)

- The PDA is a specific Community Contact who is responsible for completing the application, any requested application revisions, and performing the day-to-day actions (including reports) once a grant has been awarded.
- The PDA is the counterpart to the PM on the community side.
- The term "Delegated Authority" means that they are entrusted by the AO to complete actions with respect to OEA grants on behalf of the community.
- An organization can have more than one person with the role of Delegated Authority, but only one "Primary" DA at any given time.

Community Contact (CC)

- The Community Contact role is given to all users on the community side who are authorized by the AO to work on a grant or application.
- All Community Contacts must be approved by the OEA Project Manager and added to the grant before access is granted.





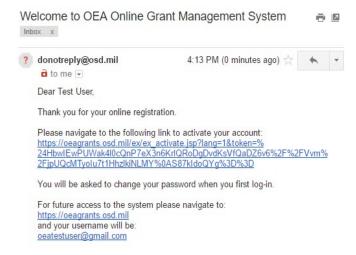


Initial Login

The OEA Project Manager (PM) assigned to the community organization will add community users as contacts. Once PM's part is complete, the community user will receive an email to complete the steps below.

Community User Completes Registration

- 1. Open the email with the temporary password. Click on the long link in the email instead of going directly to the portal.
 - **a.** This link is only good for one use. Once the account is set up following the instructions below, the user should navigate directly to the portal to log in.



- 2. The system will present a reCAPTCHA authentication and ask the user to set a unique password.
 - a. The purpose of a reCAPTCHA is to validate the user is a real person.

Password Policy

When making a new password, keep in mind that the Department of Defense (DoD) mandates that all passwords adhere to the following rules:

- At least one uppercase letter
- At least one lowercase letter
- At least one special character (!@#\$%^&*)
- At least one number

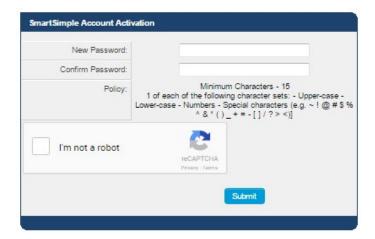
- Have a minimum of 15 characters
- Passwords must be changed every 60 days
- Password cannot be one that was previously used



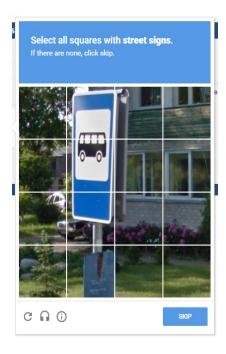




3. Click the box next to "I'm not a robot" then click Submit.



4. The reCAPTCHA will appear. Follow the directions to select the correct squares.



5. After the reCAPTCHA is completed, the OEA Grants Portal will appear.

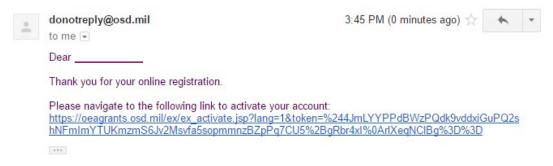








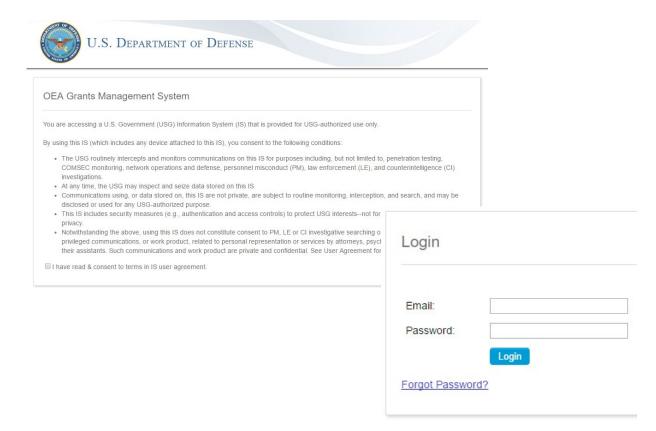
6. The email notification below will be sent to the applicant once they are logged in. The link included activates the user's account.



Returning Users

Once the community user has been successfully added to the system, they can continue to access the system by following the steps below.

- 1. Click on the link from the oea.gov homepage or type in the URL (http://oeagrants.osd.mil).
- 2. Read the conditions and click the check box next to "I have read & consent to terms in IS user agreement." The login fields will then appear.





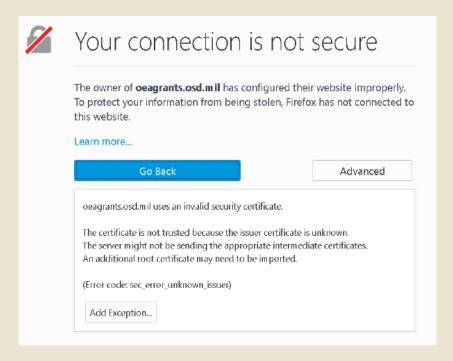




CERTIFICATES AND ADVANCE SETTINGS:

The OEA Grants Portal has a server certificate that was issued by DoD, not a publicly recognized certificate authority. For this reason, the browser will likely alert community users that they may be accessing a harmful site. The site is **not** harmful.

- 1. Most browsers will have a screen similar to the one below. Click on the **Advanced** button.
- 2. Click Add Exception.



- 3. Add "oeagrants.osd.mil" as an accepted site.
- **4.** Community users should reach out to their internal IT department if this method doesn't solve the problem.
- See Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Certificate_authority) for more information.







Password Help

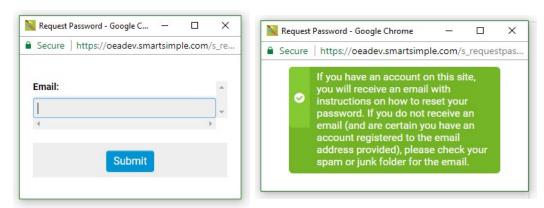
Community users can follow the directions below for passwords that need to be changed or were forgotten.

NOTE:

NEVER provide password or account information to another individual. Doing so is a violation of DoD policy and could result in account suspension.

Forgotten Password

- Go to the main login screen for the OEA Grants Portal and click on the Forgot Password link. A pop-up window will appear, requesting the user's email address.
- 2. Click Submit.
 - a. This will send an email with a link to reset the password.



- 3. Click on the long link in the body of the email.
 - a. This link is only good for one use.









- 4. At this point, another reCAPTCHA test is required.
- 5. Complete the test and follow the instructions on A-3 to create a new password.

Changing Password

- 1. Passwords must be changed every 60 days or when reset by a Project Manager.
- 2. Enter the email associated with the account.
- **3.** Enter the current password or the one that was provided when reset.
- Enter the new password and confirm that it is correct.
- 5. Click Submit.
- 6. At this point, the user should be able to get back into the system.



NOTE:

For any of the following errors, the Community Contact should reach out to their Project Manager for assistance.

- 1. Applicant/grantee did not receive a password after clicking reset password link.
- 2. Applicant/grantee did not receive a password even after #1 was addressed.
- 3. Applicant/grantee received a password, but still can't log in.
- **4.** The applicant/grantee used a different email than the one OEA used to create the account.
- **5.** The applicant/grantee cannot access the portal. (First verify that certificates are allowed page A-6).
- 6. The AO cannot see certain buttons.



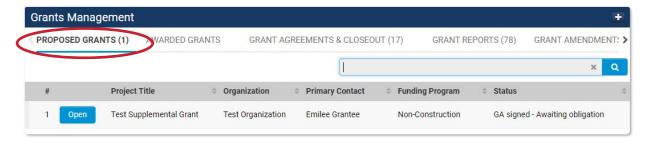




Proposed Grants Tab

Proposed Grants Layout

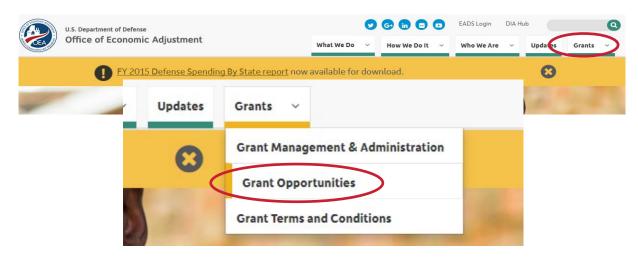
The **Proposed Grants** tab contains all grant applications that the grantee is working on or has submitted to OEA. This is where any changes or additions will be made if the Project Manager (PM) sends the application back during review. For any new grant applications, the grantee must be invited by the PM to submit an application (this includes supplemental grants).



A grant is officially awarded when the Director approves a Grant Agreement, not an application. It is possible for a community to turn down an award after it has been approved by the Director. If the community's Authorizing Official does not return a signed Grant Agreement, no money will be obligated.

Submitting an Inquiry

1. The applicant should go to the OEA homepage. In the **Grants** drop-down box in the upper right hand corner, select the **Grant Opportunities** option.









- 2. Select the correct program category for the grant opportunity.
 - a. If unsure of the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number, visit the following website: https://www.cfda.gov/
 - **b.** CFDA also contains the requirements for each program.

Inquire about financial assistance opportunities available through OEA.

Base Closure and Realignment Assistance

Determine Eligibility

Determine Eligibility

Community Investment Assistance

Determine Eligibility

Community Economic Adjustment Assistance

Determine Eligibility

Determine Eligibility

- **3.** Once the applicant has finished completing the inquiry form (B-3), they should click **Submit**. All sections with a red asterisk must be completed.
- 4. Once the inquiry has been submitted, wait to hear back from OEA.
- **5.** OEA will notify the applicant of their decision or if additional information is required.

NOTE:

If the user is not already in the system, they would follow the steps to register on page A-3 once their inquiry has been approved.







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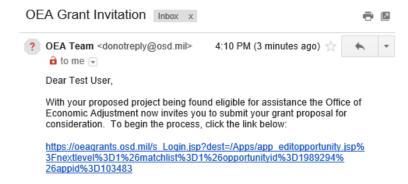






Verify Organization Profile

Once OEA has completed their review of a grant inquiry and approved it, they will send an application invitation email to the PDA. The application will also show up under the **Proposed Grants** tab.

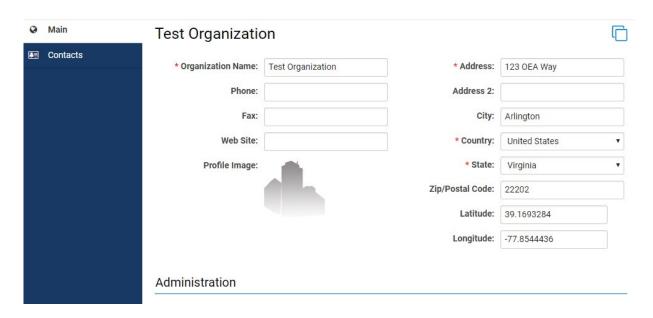


Before completing the grant application, the PDA should complete or verify their organization's profile by following the steps below.

1. Click the **Organization Profile** link located in the upper right hand corner of the screen.



2. The organization page will appear.









- 3. The **Main** tab has two sections for data entry. The top section contains basic location details, while the bottom section, **Administration**, is where the EIN and DUNS numbers can be found.
- **4.** The **Contacts** tab contains a list of all contacts currently assigned to the organization. This tab cannot be edited by the community user. If contacts are out of date, contact the Project Manager.
- **5.** Enter or verify the following information: Address, EIN Number, DUNS Number, and Legal Name.
 - a. When entering the address, be sure to enter all nine digits of the zip code.
- 6. These details must match what's entered in System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov) or OEA will be unable to process the award.







Filling Out an Application

The following instructions give detailed steps for an existing grantee or new applicant to follow when filling out a new grant application.

- 1. Under **Proposed Grants**, click **Open** next to the desired application.
 - a. The grant application will be in "Draft" status.



- 2. There are four tabs to complete for the grant application. Each tab must be completed in order to submit the application to OEA for review. The tabs are Application (SF 424), Application Narrative, Budget, and Assurances and Certifications, all located under the Main tab.
 - a. The **Contacts** tab is managed by the Project Manager. If the users that the PM assigned to the application are wrong, contact the PM with details on what should be updated.

Main Details

The basic application details will be on the top half of the Main tab.

 Review each item and verify the information is correct. The sections with a red asterisk are required fields.





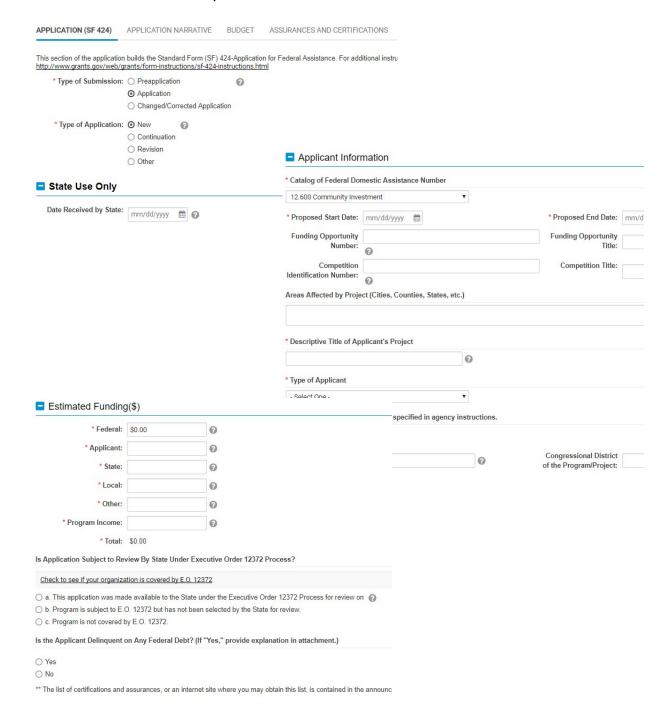




- 2. Click Open next to Grant Preview to see a preview of the grant application.
 - a. This window will have the option to export in PDF.

Application (SF 424)

1. Enter required information into the **Application (SF 424)** tab. Sections with a red asterisk are the only ones required by the system, but some grants may need more sections completed.









2. The following list contains further details on what information each section needs. Hovering over section titles will also show additional information.

Type of Submission

The default is set to Application.

Type of Application

- The default is set to New.
- If it's a supplemental grant, select Continuation.

State Use Only

• Only enter information if it applies for this particular grant.

Applicant Information

- Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number
- Proposed Start Date and Proposed End Date
- Funding Opportunity Number
- Funding Opportunity Title
- Competition Identification Number
- Competition Title
- Areas Affected by Project
- Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project
 - Enter the chosen title for the grant.
- Type of Applicant
- Congressional District of Applicant
 - Grants can cross several districts.
 - Grantees can choose more than one district.
- Congressional District of the Program/Project

Estimated Funding

- Funding Amounts
 - At this point, the system has no validations to ensure matching totals.
 - Enter funds requested from OEA in these fields: Federal, Applicant, State, Local, Other, and Program Income.
 - Enter "0" for the dollar amount if the amount is unknown. Otherwise, the system will not move forward.







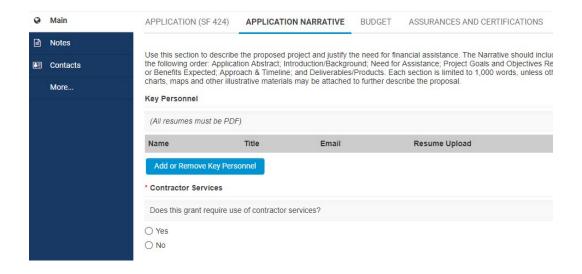
- Click Save Draft for the system to add the total amount.
- Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt?
- 3. Once all information on the Application (SF 424) tab is complete, the following options will be available:
 - **a. Save Draft** to ensure no work is lost and continue to **Application Narrative**. The user can also return later to continue working.
 - Once the application has been saved, it can only be deleted by a system administrator.
 - **b. Submit** once the SF 424 information is completed.

Application Narrative

The **Application Narrative** tab is where the applicant describes the proposed project that the grant money will be used to fund and justifies the need for financial assistance. Also listed are key personnel, contractor services they intend on procuring, and any sub recipients the grant may require.

FSRS:

If the applicant intends to have sub recipients, they will need to comply with additional requirements for reporting the use of federal funds. These can be found at the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System (FSRS) at the following url: https://www.fsrs.gov. OEA cannot support grantees with the FSRS requirement at this time.









Adding Key Personnel

Key personnel are Community Contacts who are essential to the execution of the grant, but don't necessarily need access to the system.

1. Use the **Add** button to add additional personnel or click on the **X** button to remove them.



Adding Contractors

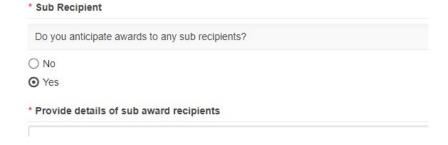
Contractors can be added by describing services if the exact company name is not known. If the exact start and end dates are unknown, enter the dates for the proposed project.

 Use the Add button to add additional contractors or click on the X button to remove them.



Adding Sub Recipients

Details for sub award recipients can be added if necessary.









Adding Grant Deliverables

A grant deliverable is a work product that can be measured or tracked. At the end of the grant, the grantee should be able to provide proof so OEA can verify the work was completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.

- Add the name, description, grant type, and estimated date for completion of the grant deliverables that are expected to be included on the grant. This includes expected work from the contractors listed.
- 2. Use the **Add** button to add additional deliverables or click on the **X** button to remove them.
 - a. Clear button will remove anything that hasn't been saved.



Application Narrative Text Boxes

The Application Narrative section has seven (7) text boxes for information entry. If no information is available, write "N/A" or "TBD" as the system requires text input.

- Goals related to OEA mission instructions
 - Enter the CAGE code here.
- Grant Introduction/Background
- Need for Assistance
- Grant Abstract
- Results or Benefits Expected
- Approach and Timeline
- Scope of Work/Work Program
 - Upload any necessary SOW documents by using the file uploader.







Budget

The instructions below explain the process of completing a budget and contain an example of the calculations built into the system.

The financial information for the grant application will be entered into the **Budget** tab. The majority of the information will be in the **Budget Worksheet**, which can be found by clicking the **Open Budget** button. Note that the system does not verify if the Budget totals match.

Budget Details

- Navigate to the **Budget** tab on the grant application and enter the required information in the sections below:
- Basis for the Indirect Cost Rate
 - If the organization does not have an indirect cost rate or is not claiming indirect costs for this grant, click the button for No Indirect Cost.
 - APPLICATION (SF 424) APPLICATION NARRATIVE BUDGET ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS **Indirect Cost** Rate Percentage Budget If No Indirect Click to open the form to fill budget worksheet and SF424A/C Cost was Open Budget selected in * Basis for the Indirect O Total Direct Cost the previous Cost Rate: O Modified Direct Cost section, O Salaries enter "O." O Salaries and Fringe O De Minimis Modified Total Direct Cost There must O No Indirect Cost be a number * Indirect Cost Rate in order to Percentage: submit later. Upload indirect cost rates for your community: **Upload Indirect** * Is the Indirect Cost rate O Yes good for the life of the ONO **Cost Rates for** Grant?: O N/A **Your Community**
 - Use the Lookup button to attach the organization's indirect cost rate policy.
 - Upload must be a single PDF document, the system will reject Microsoft Word.
- Is the Indirect Cost Rate good for the life of the grant?
 - If the organization does not have an indirect cost rate, select N/A.







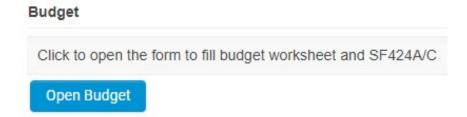
NOTE:

The indirect cost rate percentage is just for information and tracking purposes; it is not used to calculate the amount of indirect cost in the Budget Worksheet.

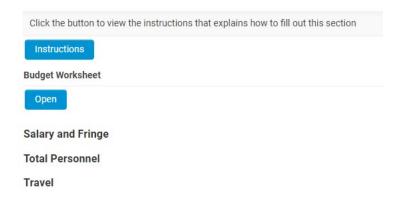
2. Click Save Draft.

Completing the Budget

1. To open the budget activity, click on the **Open Budget** button.



- 2. A pop-up warning will appear saying that this opens up the budget activity on a new page.
 - a. Be sure to click **Save Draft** for any recently input information.
- 3. Click **OK** to move to the budget activity. The budget page will appear.



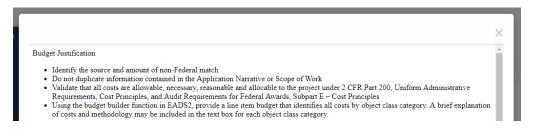
- **4.** Click the blue **Instructions** button to see detailed instructions on completing the budget and the accompanying budget justification.
 - **a.** The applicant should read the instructions thoroughly before the budget is completed.







b. For further guidance on filling out the budget, work with the assigned OEA Project Manager.

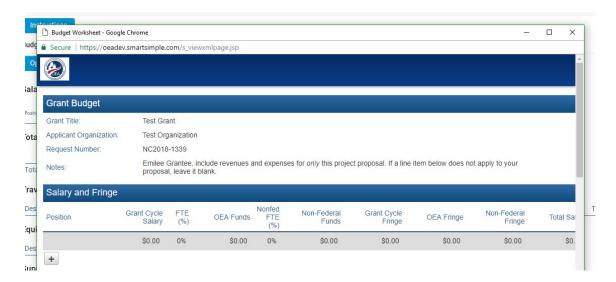


Click Open under Budget Worksheet to open the worksheet in a separate popup window.

Budget Worksheet for Non-Construction Grants

The **Budget Worksheet** for non-construction grants maps to the object class categories (Travel, Supplies, Contractual, etc.) of the SF 424A.

1. Open the worksheet by following the instructions under **Complete the Budget** on B-13.



- 2. Enter information in each section.
 - a. Some sections can have multiple entries. Click the add button to add new rows under that category.
 - **b.** To delete a line item, click the **delete** button to the right of the line.







3. The **Salary and Fringe** section uses specific calculations. See instructions and the example below.



a. Position: Enter the individual's position.

b. Grant Cycle Salary: Enter the Grant Cycle Salary.

EXAMPLE:

The grant cycle is the same as grant duration. If a grant is for 18 months and the base salary for an individual is \$50,000 and their annual raise is 4%, calculate their total salary over 18 months. Use the calculation below:

$$$50,000 + [($50,000 \times 1.04)/2] = $76,000$$

The 1.04 will return the value of the salary plus the raise and the 2 represents 6 months or half a year. If this grant were for 15 months or 1 and 1/4 years, the numerator would be divided by 4.

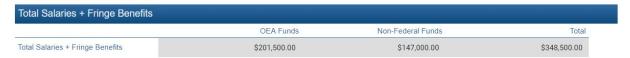
- **c. FTE** %: Enter the federal percentage for the line item being requested from OEA.
- **d. OEA Funds**: The amount of funding being requested from OEA. This is a system calculated field, so DO NOT enter a value in this field.
 - i. Grant Cycle Salary x FTE (%) = OEA Funds
- **e. Nonfed FTE (%)**: Enter the percentage for the line items the organization is paying for and committing as match/cost share.
- **f. Non-Federal Funds**: The amount of money that the organization will fund. This is a system calculated field, so DO NOT enter a value in this field.
 - i. Grant Cycle Salary x Nonfed FTE (%) = Non-Federal Funds
- g. Grant Cycle Fringe: This should be the total amount for fringe benefits for the individual for the entire grant. Calculate using the same formula as the Grant Cycle Salary.







- h. **OEA Fringe**: The amount OEA is requested to pay, based on the percentage entered and the Grant Cycle Fringe. This is a system calculated field, so DO NOT enter a value in this field.
 - i. Grant Cycle Fringe x FTE (%) = OEA Fringe
- i. Non-Federal Fringe: The amount of money that the organization will fund. This is a system calculated field, so DO NOT enter a value in this field.
 - i. Grant Cycle Fringe x Nonfed FTE (%) = Non-Federal Fringe
- 4. Enter information for the remaining sections.
 - a. Total Salaries + Fringe Benefits
 - This will automatically total the salaries and fringe benefits entered in the first section.



b. Travel

i. Enter the amount of funding being requested from OEA and the amount the grantee will be paying.



c. Equipment









d. Supplies

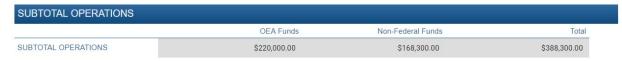


e. Other



f. SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS

i. This section will automatically populate with the amounts entered above.

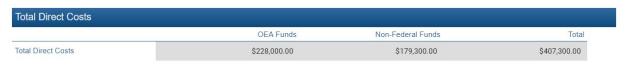


g. Contractual



h. Total Direct Costs

i. This section will automatically populate with the amounts entered above.



Indirect Costs



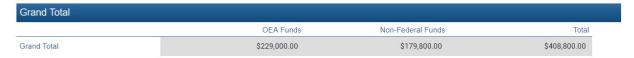




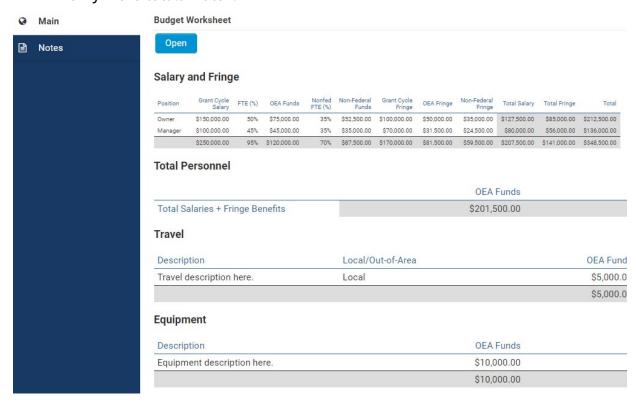


j. Grand Total

 This adds the last three sections with the totals from the SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS section.



- 5. Click Save once the worksheet is completed.
- 6. Close the Budget Worksheet and return to the budget page.
- 7. The information that was entered on the pop-up **Budget Worksheet** can now be found on the main budget screen in the portal. Note that the system does not verify if the totals match.



- After returning to the **Budget** tab, notice that the status is "Draft." There will also be a summary of what was entered on the Budget Worksheet.
 - a. As long as the status of the application is "Draft," the numbers can be edited.

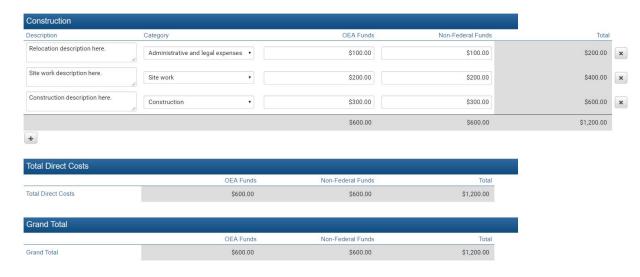






Budget Worksheet for Construction Grant

- Open the worksheet by following the instructions under Complete the Budget on B-13.
- **2.** Construction costs must be itemized and entered individually.
 - Multiple lines can be entered for each category.
- 3. To add a line to the construction budget, click: +
- Enter information for each of the four fields.
 - Description: Not required to complete but is recommended.
 - **b.** Category: Choose from the provided drop-down menu.
 - c. OEA Funds: Enter correct number.
 - d. Non-Federal Funds: Enter correct number.
- 5. To remove a line from the construction budget, click:
- 6. The **Total Direct Costs** and **Grant Total** columns will calculate automatically based on what is entered in the **OEA Funds** and **Non-Federal Funds** columns.
- 7. A completed construction budget will look like the image below.









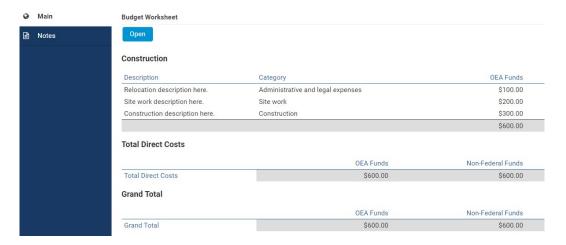


- 8. Click **Save** once the worksheet is completed.
- 9. Close the Budget Worksheet and return to the budget page.

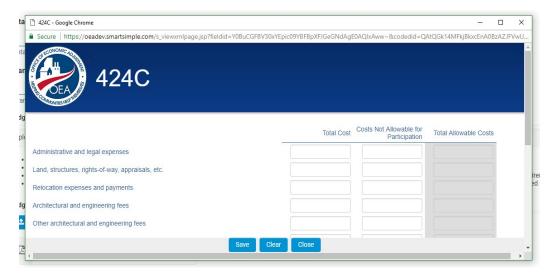
WARNING:

CLICK **CLEAR** ONLY IF ALL LINES NEED TO BE REMOVED. **CLEAR** DELETES ALL LINES EVEN IF THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY SAVED.

- 10. The construction information will be entered into two locations under the Budget tab:
 - a. Budget Worksheet: Information viewed directly on the screen.



11. SF 424C: Click the Open button to view information in a pop-up window.



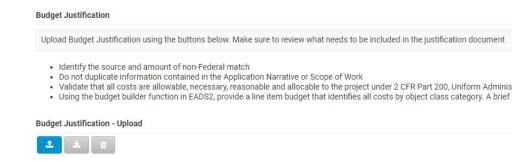






Budget Justification

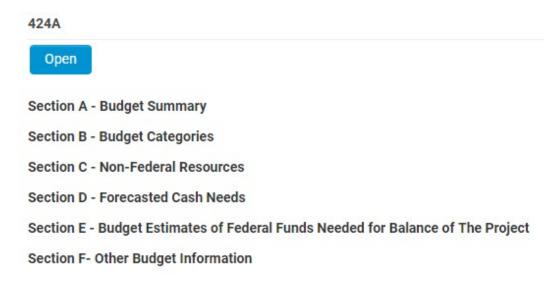
1. Underneath the newly imported financial information on the main **Budget** page is a section for Budget Justification.



2. Follow the file uploader instructions on page K-2 to complete.

Filling out the SF 424 A

 On the main Budget page under SF 424A, click Open to bring up the SF 424A worksheet in a separate window.

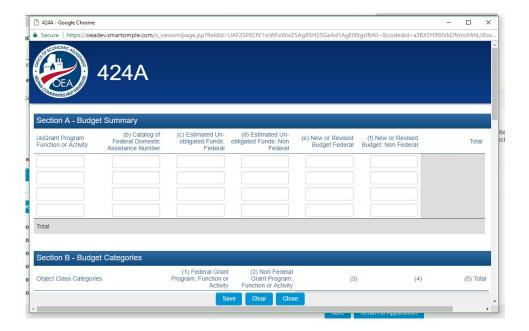


- 2. The Budget Worksheet is adding the numbers for this proposed grant only. It does not know other possible sources of funding that might be utilized for this project, such as state or local sources.
 - a. These sources are what needs to be entered into the SF 424 by the user.
- 3. Follow the instructions on the form and the advice from the assigned OEA Project Manager to complete each section of the SF 424A. The window will look like this:









NOTE:

Clicking **Clear** only removes recently input information that wasn't saved. It does not remove previously entered and saved information. Click **Save** to ensure numbers are committed to the budget.

Section A: Budget Summary



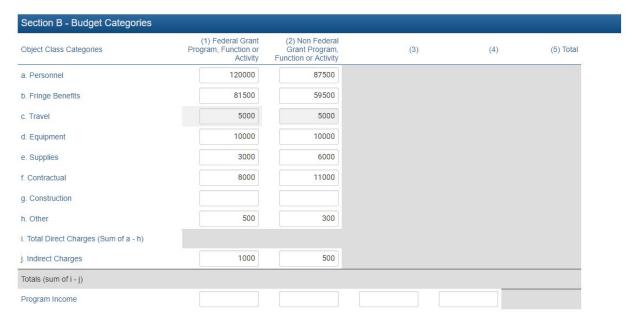






Section B: Budget Categories

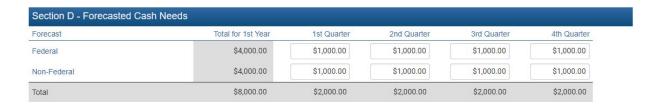
 This section is updated automatically with information from the Budget Worksheet.



Section C: Non-Federal Resources



Section D: Forecasted Cash Needs









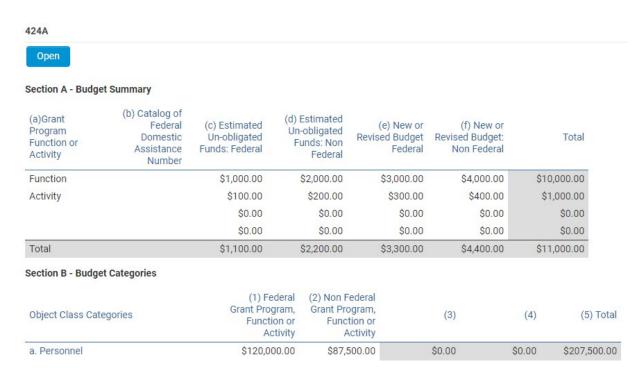
 Section E: Budget Estimates of Federal Funds Needed for Balance of the Project



Section F: Other Budget Information



- 4. Click Save then Close.
- 5. The system will fill in the SF 424A information in the budget activity on the main Budget page.





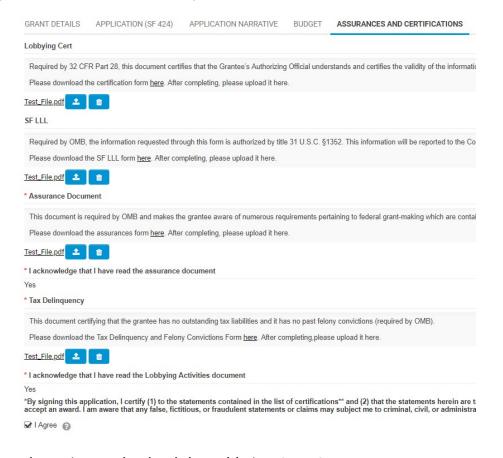




Assurance and Certifications

The final tab of grant application is **Assurance and Certifications**. The top of this section and each document name will have detailed descriptions explaining the document's purpose.

1. Download each form by clicking **here** in the instructions above the various upload buttons. Forms will open in a new window.



- Complete, sign, and upload the Lobbying Cert, SF LLL, Assurance Document, and Tax Delinquency forms.
- 3. Click **Close** to return to the application once the form is uploaded. They will have been uploaded in their respective sections.
- 4. Click "I Agree" once each form has been uploaded and save the draft.
- 5. Click Save.







Submitting an Application to OEA

Once an applicant has entered all of the required information and ensured that it is correct, it can be submitted. Be sure to verify that all required documents have been uploaded and the Budget Worksheet is correct. Once submitted, it will be sent to the assigned Project Manager at OEA.

1. Click **Submit** on the bottom of the grant application screen.



2. This pop-up will appear after clicking **Submit**, alerting the applicant that the application will be submitted to OEA and will be locked for editing.



- The system will provide pop-up alerts to the applicant if any sections are invalid or incomplete. These must be fixed before the application can be submitted to OEA.
 - a. The errors will also show up in a list on a red section on the application itself.

Test Grant

Please correct the following errors and try again.

Please make sure you have assigned an Authorizing Official to your application under Grant Contacts tab.

You must enter State and County FIPS codes on your organization profile

- 4. Once any errors have been fixed and the application is sent, the applicant will receive a notification confirming submission.
 - a. The status will change from "Draft" to "Submitted."

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Submission Successful
You have successfully submitted your grant application. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt email shortly.

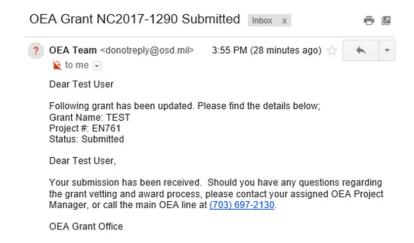
Grant Title: Test Grant
Organization: Test Organization
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5. The applicant will receive the following email confirming submission of the application.



NOTE:

Please coordinate the application's submission with the assigned OEA Project Manager.





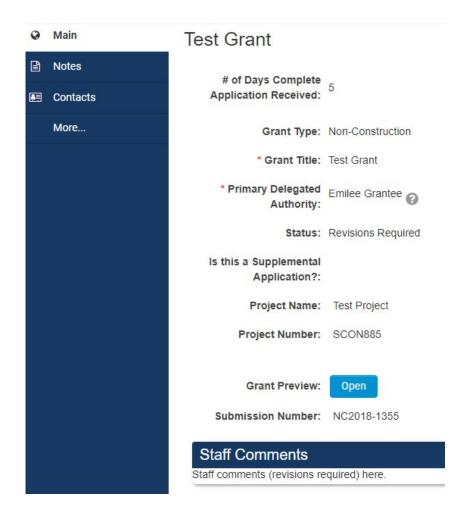


OEA Review of Application

After the application has been submitted to the OEA, it must undergo review by the Project Manager (PM), Grants Management Specialist (GMS), and Program Director (PD). This is to ensure that the grant application has been reviewed thoroughly by both program and compliance personnel before it is reviewed by the Director at a TRC (Technical Review Committee).

During the TRC, OEA might determine that modifications need to be made to the grant application before it can be awarded. Some applications might not make it to the TRC step.

- 1. If modifications are needed, the application will be in the **Proposed Grants** tab with the status of "Revisions Required."
- 2. Open the application and review the new **Staff Comments**. This will explain what needs to be corrected, removed, or revised.









- 3. Applicant should make requested changes and choose one of the two options below:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - b. Submit Revision once updates are completed.



4. Once submitted, the notification below will appear.



NOTE:

Please work closely with the assigned OEA Project Manager on any necessary revisions.







Submitting for Final Signature

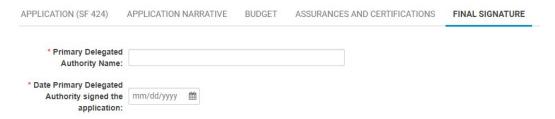
Primary Delegated Authority Signature

Once OEA has finished reviewing the application (either the original or the revised version), the grant application will be routed back to the Primary Delegated Authority for signature.

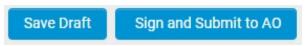
1. Open the grant application under Proposed Grants.



2. Click on the new Final Signature tab.



- 3. Enter name and date.
- 4. The PDA will have two options at this point:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Sign and Submit to AO** to provide final signature and complete the application.



Click Sign and Submit to AO. The confirmation below will appear when the signature has been successfully submitted.









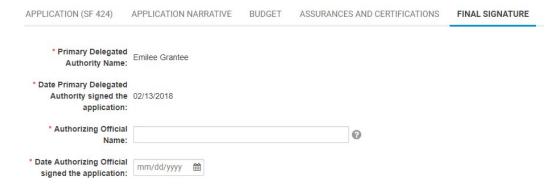
Authorizing Official Signature

Once the PDA signs and submits the application, it will be routed to the Authorizing Official.

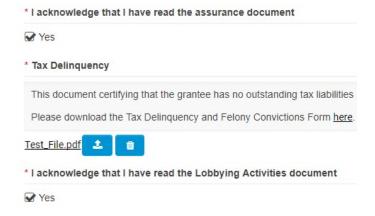
- 1. Open the grant application under Proposed Grants.
 - a. The status will be "Final Signature Required AO."



2. Click on the new Final Signature tab.



- 3. Enter name and date.
- 4. The AO is also required to complete two acknowledgments. These are found under the **Assurances and Certifications** tab.









- 5. The AO will have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit Final Signature** to provide final signature and complete the application.

Save Draft

Submit Final Signature

6. Click **Submit Final Signature**. The confirmation below will appear when the signature has been successfully submitted.

Submission Successful

You have successfully submitted your grant application. You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt email shortly.

Grant Title: Test Grant Organization: Test Organization Submission Date: 2018-02-09 19:49:43

OEA Review

OEA will be notified once the final signatures have been submitted. The application's status will change to "Complete Application Received." OEA will then review the application and, if approved, prepare the Grant Agreement.







Awarded Grants Tab

Awarded Grants Layout

After an application has been reviewed and approved by OEA staff, the Grant Agreement will be signed and returned. The application will then become "Awarded" and will be found in **Awarded Grants** tab, which contains all of the grants that have been approved for the grantee.

The **Awarded Grants** tab contains:

- All awarded grant applications, including supplemental grants.
 - Click the **Open** button on the left for read-only access to the grant application containing all of the application details, contact information, and the grant application PDF.
- An Open button for each grant application PDF.
 - Click the **Open** button on the right for a pop-up window containing the grant application. A PDF can be exported from this window.
- An Add Amendment button for each grant.
 - Click to create an amendment for an awarded grant. This will then show up as a draft under the **Grant Amendments** tab.



NOTE:

A grant is officially awarded when the Director approves a Grant Agreement, not an application. It is possible for a community to turn down an award after it has been approved by the Director. If the community's Authorizing Official does not return a signed Grant Agreement, no money will be obligated.

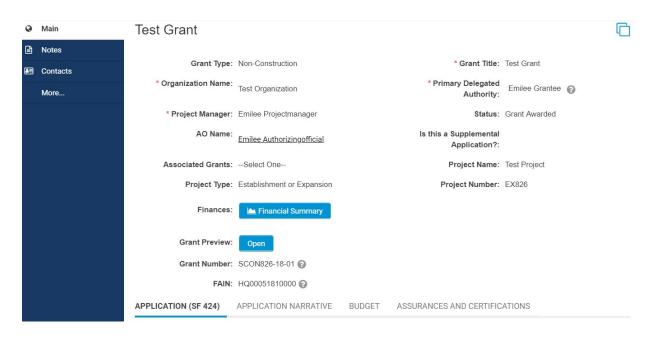






When an awarded grant is opened, the community user will be able to see the following information. All of these details were entered during the grant application process or when revisions were requested. See Proposed Grants (B) for reminders on the application process.

- Main: This section above the four smaller tabs contains the basic grant details.
 There is an Open button for viewing the grant application in a PDF format.
 - Application (SF 242): This section contains applicant information and estimated funding.
 - **Application Narrative**: This tab lists key personnel, contractors, sub recipients, and deliverables. It also contains information such as the grant background, abstract, and Scope of Work. Additional supporting documents submitted during the application can be found here.
 - Budget: The Budget Worksheet and Budget Justification are found under this tab.
 - **Assurances and Certifications**: The Lobbying Cert, SF LLL, Assurance Document, and Tax Delinquency documents are located here.
- Contacts: All of the community contacts and OEA staff assigned to the grant are listed under this tab.









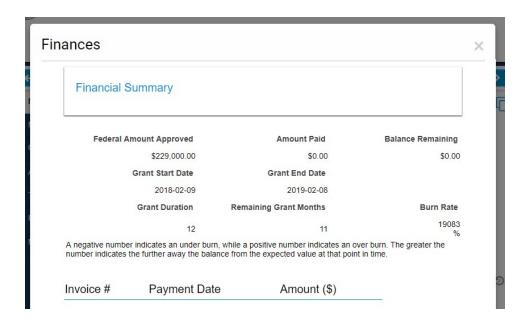
Financial Summary (Burn Rate)

The new Financial Summary button on the grant application contains a quick summary of the grant's financial data, such as grant duration, amount paid, and invoice data. Most importantly, the Financial Summary calculates the burn rate for the grant's financials to date.

NOTE:

The Financial Summary will only show when the grant has the status of "Grant Awarded" after the Grant Agreement process is completed.

- 1. Open the desired grant.
- 2. Click on the Financial Summary button under the Main tab.
- 3. A pop-up box labeled **Finances** will appear.



NOTE:

A negative number under the **Burn Rate** section indicates an under burn. A positive number indicates an over burn. A higher number means the balance is further away from the expected value.







- 4. Note the following:
 - **a.** If the **Grant Finances** tab is current with all of the grant's approved budgets, the **Federal Amount Approved** will contain supplemental awards.
 - **b.** If the grant has been closed, the **Burn Rate** section will say "Grant is closed. No burnout rate calculated."
- 5. The summary will also contain an Invoice section:
 - a. Invoice #
 - i. Unique payment identifier from the memo sent to DFAS.
 - **b.** Payment Date
 - i. Date that DFAS made the payment.
 - c. Amount (\$)
 - i. Amount paid to the grantee.







Grant Agreements & Closeout Tab

Grant Agreements & Closeouts Layout

The **Grant Agreements & Closeouts** tab contains the Grant Agreement and closeout activities for all awarded grants that are assigned to the community user. The Activity Type for each grant can be seen on the left, to the right of the **Open** button.

When the Grant Agreement is completed, a PDF of the Grant Agreement will be available under the **Activity Document** column to the right. Once the closeout letter is received, click **Preview** under **Activity Document** to view the letter.



Completing a Grant Agreement

The Grant Agreement is a critical activity in the grant award process at OEA. It is the binding document between OEA and a community organization. Until there is a signed Grant Agreement from both parties, the community organization is considered an applicant and not a grantee.

NOTE:

The Federal Government is only obligated after the Director approves a Grant Agreement; however, the Authorizing Official must send the countersigned Grant Agreement to OEA before an obligation will be made.

OEA Creates and Reviews Grant Agreement

OEA will create the Grant Agreement and complete several reviews of the Grant Agreement and Award Letter. Grant reports will also be generated at this step.





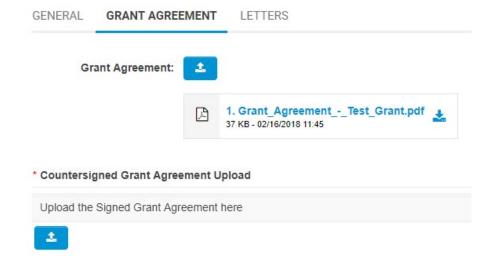


Authorizing Official Review

The letter and Grant Agreement will be routed to the Authorizing Official and will show up in their portal under the **Grant Agreements & Closeout** tab.



1. Click **Open** next to the correct Grant Agreement then navigate to the **Grant**Agreement tab.



- Download a copy of the Grant Agreement, review, and then sign and upload the counter-signed copy under Countersigned Grant Agreement Upload.
 - **a.** At the time of printing this manual, electronic signatures are **not** accepted.
 - b. See the Appendices (K) for steps on uploading a document.



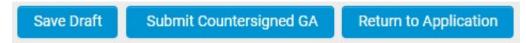




3. Navigate to the **Letters** tab.



- 4. Download and review the official award letter.
- 5. Enter name, date, and click "I agree" to the statement acknowledging terms and conditions.
- 6. The AO will then have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit Counter Signed GA** to complete the review and submit.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 7. Choose **Submit Counter Signed GA** to complete the process.
 - a. The status will change to "Complete."
- 8. Once submitted, the notification below will appear.

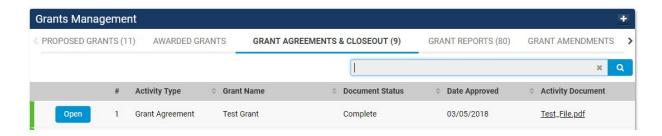








- 9. Additionally, the countersigned PDF will now appear on the home page.
- 10. Navigate to the **Grant Agreements & Closeout** tab then to the **Activity Document** column to view the document.









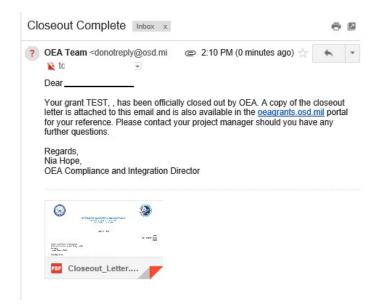
Completing a Closeout

The instructions for closeout are included here because they are found in the same tab as Grant Agreements in the OEA Grants Portal; however, a closeout activity is not completed until the very end of the grant process.

The OEA Grants Portal does not allow closeout if there are pending reports, amendments, or deliverables. Once everything is completed, OEA will begin the closeout process.

Notification of Closeout Letter

 After the OEA Director approves the closeout letter, both the AO and PDA will be sent a notification via email. A copy of the closeout letter will be attached to the email.



Closeout Activity

- Navigate to the desired closeout activity and click the Open button in the far left column.
- 2. The top section contains all of the grant details, such as assigned OEA staff and financial information.







- 3. The **Letters** tab on the bottom contains the closeout letter. Click **Preview** next to **Closeout Letter** to view a PDF or the link underneath **File Name** to download the letter.
 - **a.** There will also be a section to access any additional documents that OEA uploaded.



- 4. The following menu will be at the bottom of the screen for the community users:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Return to Application** to view all of the application's details.



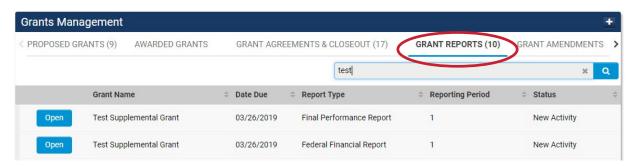




Grant Reports Tab

Grant Reports Layout

The **Grant Reports** tab contains the reports for all awarded grants. The view below shows the Reporting Period, Status, and Date Due of each individual report. Once a Grant Agreement is signed, the report's status will automatically switch to "Scheduled."



Throughout the life cycle of a grant there are three types of reports required:

- Performance Report
- Final Performance Report
- Federal Financial Report

Completing a Performance Report

Performance Reports should be completed by the date listed in the **Due Date** column under the **Grant Reports** tab of the grantee's home page.

1. The PDA or Community Contact should complete the report.

Grantee Completes Report

- 1. Navigate to the **Grant Reports** tab and open the Performance Report.
- The Performance Report will have five tabs: General, Activity Details, Objectives and Accomplishments, Project Expenses, and Additional Information.







General

The **General** tab contains all of the basic grant information. This section cannot be edited.



Activity Details

- 1. Select the Activity Details tab and verify the information is correct.
- 2. Correct the Reporting Period dates if necessary.
- 3. Click Open next to Grant Preview to open the entire grant in a new screen.
 - Click Export as PDF to download a PDF of the grant.
- 4. Click Open next to Activity Preview to open the report activity in a new screen.
 - Click Export as PDF to download a PDF of the activity.



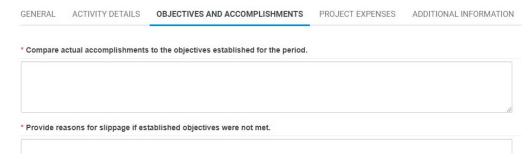






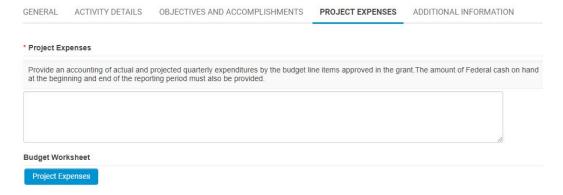
Objectives and Accomplishments

1. Select the **Objectives and Accomplishments** tab and answer both questions.

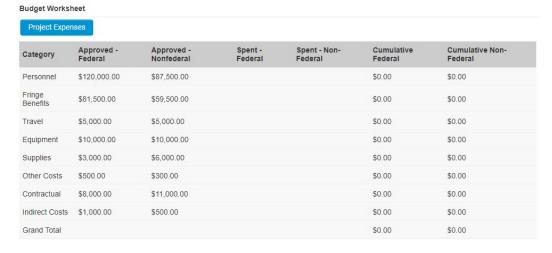


Project Expenses

1. Select the **Project Expenses** tab.



- 2. Enter an overview of expenses into the provided **Project Expenses** text box.
- **3.** Click the blue **Project Expenses** button to open the entire Budget Worksheet. This will open in a separate window.
 - a. Budget information previously approved will appear on the activity.

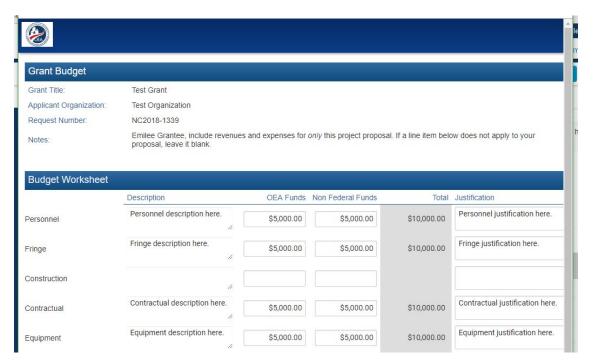








4. Enter information into the available columns.



- 5. The system will automatically calculate totals:
 - a. Total = Direct Costs Total + Indirect Costs Total
 - b. Grand Total = OEA Funds Grand Total + Non Federal Funds Grand Total
- 6. Click **Save** then **Close** when the worksheet is complete.
- 7. Return to the main browser screen. The new numbers entered will show up under the Budget Worksheet section of the **Project Expenses** tab.



8. Click Save Draft to make sure changes have been committed to the system.

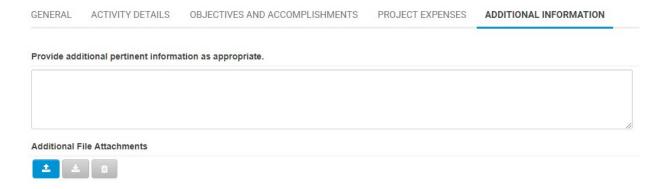






Additional Information

 Select the Additional Information tab and add information in the text box or upload additional files as needed.



Submit Performance Report

- 1. The grantee will have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit to OEA** to submit and complete the required report.
 - i. Performance Reports do not get routed to the AO for approval. They are submitted directly to OEA.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 2. Click Submit to OEA.
 - a. The status will change to "Submitted to PM."
- 3. The notification below will appear to confirm the submission.









OEA Review

The assigned OEA Project Manager will review the submitted report. If any corrections are needed, the PM may return the report to the grantee.

Revisions Required

The status of the report will change to "Revision Required."



2. Complete the requested revisions based on the feedback found in the **Staff Comments** section under the **Activity Details** tab.



- 3. The following options are available once the revisions are complete:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit Revisions to OEA** for the PM to review the corrections.
 - **c. Return to Application** to view all of the application's details.



- 4. Choose Submit to OEA.
- **5.** Once OEA completes their review of the submitted revisions, the status will change to "Approved" and the Performance Report is complete.







Completing a Final Performance Report

When the project is in the closeout process, a Final Performance Report needs to be completed. This report is due 90 days from the end of the grant.

1. The PDA or Community Contact should complete the report.

Grantee Completes Report

- 1. Navigate to the **Grant Reports** tab and open the Final Performance Report.
- 2. Complete the Final Performance Report by following the Performance Report directions.
 - a. Instructions are on pages E-1 through E-6.
- **3.** The fields for Performance and Final Performance Reports are the same, except for these highlighted differences:
 - **a. Objectives and Accomplishments**: For the Final Performance Report, enter information on the accomplishments of the entire grant period. (The normal Performance Report only includes part of the grant period.)
 - **b. Additional Information:** For the Final Performance Report, this tab has an additional Summary of Activities section.

Summary of Activities
* Provide a summary of activities for the entire grant period. All required deliverables should be submitted with
SF 428 Tangible Personal Property Forms
Please download all the forms that apply to your grant from the <u>whitehouse.gov website</u> , and upload the completed for complete then upload.
SF 429 Real Property Status Report
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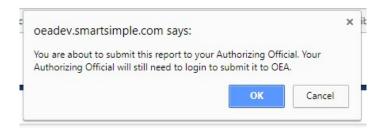




- c. SF 428 or SF 429: Complete and upload if required.
 - i. At the time of writing this manual, the White House website has not been updated with links to these forms.
- 4. Unlike the Performance Report, the Final Performance Report needs to be routed to the Authorizing Official before being submitted to the OEA.
 - a. This ensures that the AO is aware of all the activities being reported.
- 5. The grantee will have three options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - b. Submit to AO once the report is complete and can be routed on to the AO.
 - **c. Return to Application** to view all of the application's details.



- 6. Click Submit to AO.
 - a. The status will change to "Submitted to AO."
- 7. The following notification will appear. Click **OK**.



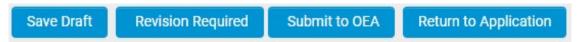






Authorizing Official Review

- 1. Review the report information from the PDA.
- 2. The AO will have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Revision Required** for any additional information, questions, or revisions.
 - i. This returns the report to the PDA with a status of "Revisions Required."
 - **c. Submit to OEA** once the AO's review is complete and the report can be routed on to the PM.
 - d. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 3. No signature is required by the AO on the Final Performance Report.
- 4. Click **Submit to OEA** to route the report to the Project Manager.
 - a. The status of the report will change to "Submitted to PM."

OEA Review

The assigned OEA Project Manager will review the submitted report. If any corrections are needed, the PM may return the report to the grantee.

Revisions Required

The status of the report will change to "Revision Required."





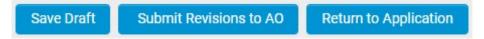




2. Complete the requested revisions based on the feedback found in the **Staff Comments** section under the **Activity Details** tab.



- 3. The following options are available for the PDA once the revisions are complete:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b.** Submit Revisions to AO for the AO to review before resubmitting to OEA.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 4. Click Submit Revisions to AO.
 - a. The status will change to "Submitted to AO."
- **5.** The AO should review the corrected changes to verify that the PDA included all of the information OEA requested.
- 6. The AO will then have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - b. Revisions Required if the AO decides the PDA needs to include further information.
 - i. This will change the status to "Revisions Required."
 - c. Submit to OEA for the PM to review the corrections.
 - d. View Application to view all of the application's details.



- 7. Choose Submit to OEA.
- 8. Once OEA completes their review of the submitted revisions, the status will change to "Approved" and the Final Performance Report is complete.







Federal Financial Report

There are two types of Federal Financial Reports: Interim and Final. Functionality is the same for both reports. Federal Financial Reports should be completed by the date listed in the **Due Date** column under the **Grant Reports** tab of the grantee's main page.

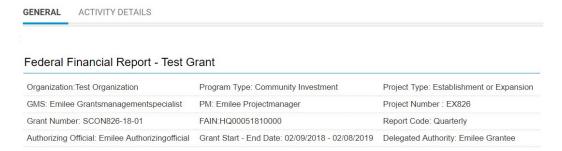
1. The PDA or Community Contact should complete the report.

Grantee Completes Report

- 1. Navigate to the **Grant Reports** tab and open the Federal Financial Report.
- 2. A Federal Financial Report will contain two tabs: General and Activity Details.

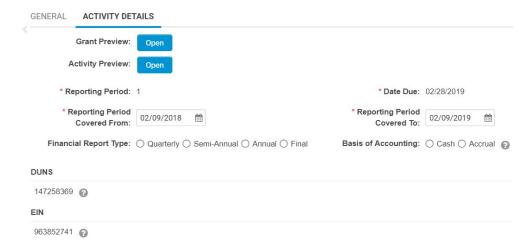
General

The **General** tab contains all of the basic grant information. This section cannot be edited.



Activity Details

 Select the Activity Details tab and verify the information is correct. Correct the Reporting Period dates if necessary.









2. Click the Edit Project Financials tab under the SF 425 section.



- 3. A pop-up box will appear. Enter the required financial information.
 - **a.** Note the **Indirect Expense** section has a comment box for any necessary information.
 - **b.** The bottom of the pop-up box contains specific instructions for each line.

Instructions

- . Line #10a. Cash Receipts Amount of Federal disbursements received by the Grantee by the report end date. (Money that OEA)
- · Line #10b. Cash Disbursements Amount of Federal cash the Grantee has disbursed. (What the Grantee has paid out)
- Line #10c. Balance of Federal cash on hand. Note that if this is a final report there cannot be any cash on hand. The grantee mus
 closeout process. It must be noted in the remarks section of the report if the Grantee has refunded any Grant funds to the U.S. Tr
- Line #10 d. Total Federal funds authorized. Total awarded to date
- Line #10 e. Federal Share of expenditures. This should include all expenditures/obligations, not just expenses that have been reir same as that used for the performance budget report, otherwise no comparison can be made.
- . Line #10 f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations the amount of expenses that have not been paid out to personnel, contract
- . Line #10 h. The unobligated balance is the balance left in the Grant. It does not include incurred expenses unless the Grantee is
- Line #10 i. The recipient share is the total dollar amount required by the Grant Agreement or the required percentage of total prog
 agreement on a final report, there may be a balance in line 10 k. if the Grantee did not use the full amount of the grant. If they rep
 percentage required. If the match has not been satisfied the PM must ask for a revision showing an increase in the match or a de
 is warranted.
- ****Note: Program Income most OEA grants do not earn program income. If income has been earned, please contact the Compl
- Line #11. Indirect Expenses This section must be filled out if your Grantee has charged indirect costs. All rates and calculations
 does not have enough lines, an attachment must be used. The PM must make sure we have a copy of the appropriate document.



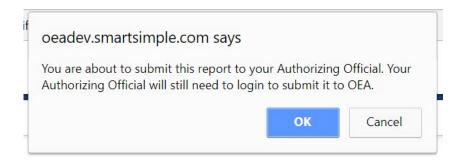




- 4. The form automatically calculates the following lines. At the end of the grant, there should not be any cash on hand.
 - a. Line C: Cash Receipt (A) Cash Disbursements (B)
 - i. Cash Disbursements should never be negative.
 - b. Line D: Equals Cash Receipt (A)
 - Line G: Federal Share of Expenditures (E) + Federal Share of Unliquidated Obligations (F)
 - d. Line H: Total Federal Funds Authorized (D) Total Federal Share (G)
 - e. Line K: Total Recipient Share Required (I) Recipient Share of Expenditures (I)
- 5. Once the information is entered, click **Save** then **Close** the form.
- 6. The entered information will now populate on the main report screen.
- 7. Add any additional files under the **Supporting Documents** section.
- 8. At this point, the PDA will have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit to AO** once the grantee's review is complete and the report can be routed on to the AO.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 9. Verify that all information is correct and choose **Submit to AO**.
 - a. The status will change to "Submitted to AO."
- 10. Once submitted, the following notification will appear. Click **OK**.





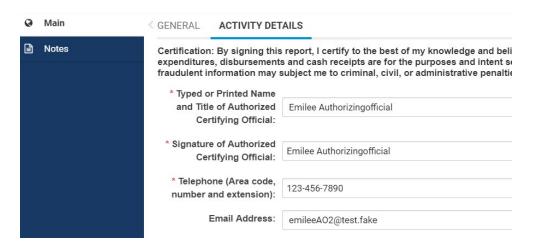




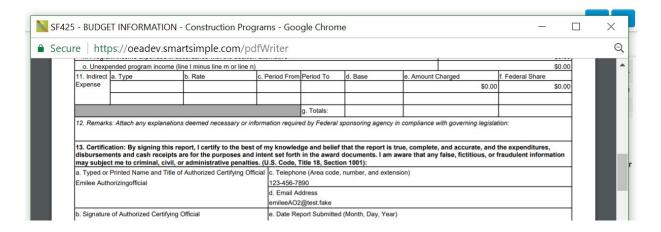
Authorizing Official Review

After the PDA has submitted the Federal Financial Report, the AO needs to log in and review the information.

- 1. Review the information to make sure it is correct and nothing further is needed.
- 2. Navigate to the Activity Details tab to sign the report.
 - a. The signature is the typed name of the AO with a date and time stamp.



- 3. Click Save Draft.
- 4. Open the SF 425 preview. The signature will appear on the bottom of the PDF.









- 5. The AO will have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Revision Required** for any additional information, questions, or revisions.
 - i. This returns the report to the PDA with a status of "Revisions Required."
 - **c. Submit to OEA** once the AO's review is complete and the report can be routed on to the PM.
 - d. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 6. Click Submit to OEA to route the report to the Project Manager.
 - a. The status of the report will change to "Submitted to PM."
- 7. The notification below will appear once the report is submitted.



OEA Review

The assigned OEA Project Manager will review the submitted report. If any corrections are needed, the PM may return the report to the grantee.

Revisions Required

The status of the report will change to "Revision Required."





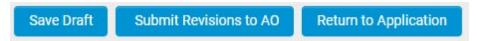




Complete the requested revisions based on the feedback found in the Staff Comments section under the Activity Details tab.



- 3. The following options are available for the PDA once the revisions are complete:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b.** Submit Revisions to AO for the AO to review before resubmitting to OEA.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 4. Click Submit Revisions to AO.
 - a. The status will change to "Submitted to AO."
- **5.** The AO should review the corrected changes to verify that the PDA included all of the information OEA requested.
- 6. The AO will then have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - b. Revisions Required if the AO decides the PDA needs to include further information.
 - i. This will change the status to "Revisions Required."
 - c. Submit to OEA for the PM to review the corrections.
 - **d. View Application** to view all of the application's details.



- 7. Choose Submit to OEA.
- 8. Once OEA completes their review of the submitted revisions, the status will change to "Approved" and the Federal Financial Report is complete.



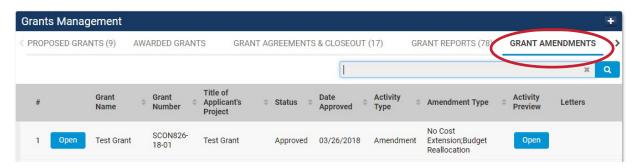




Grant Amendments Tab

Grant Amendments Layout

The **Grant Amendments** section shows all amendments for all awarded grants. The amendment letter can be retrieved by using the buttons in the column on the far right. Amendment letters will show up as a link.



- 1. Click Open in the far left hand column to view the activity. The tabs in the activity will be based on the amendment type. These tabs will appear on each amendment:
 - a. Activity Details: This contains Open buttons for the grant and grant amendment PDFs. There will also be a link to download the activity.
 - b. Letters: The letters tab will contain a link to download the activity letter.









Amendment Types

Amendments are an important mechanism that modify a grant at the request of the grantee, or if called for by OEA. The amendment activity covers just about every possible modification of a grant except an increase in federal money, which is a supplemental grant.

NOTE:

A grant can only have one amendment active at a given time; however, each amendment can have multiple amendment types. For example, a single amendment could include both No Cost Extension and Budget Reallocation.

If an amendment activity is already active in the system, it needs to be approved or declined before a new amendment activity can be started.

The following list contains further information for all amendment types.

No Cost Extension

- Requires a new end date and an extension justification.
- May require additional performance reports (created by OEA).

Change in Scope

Requires details in the amendment justification.

Change in Base Year

 This is only used for BRAC grants. Contact the OEA Project Manager for more information.

Increase in Non Federal Funding

- A budget adjustment demonstrating the increase in the amount of money contributed by the grantee.
- Requires a revised Budget Worksheet.

Other

For requests not covered by the other listed amendment types.







Budget Reallocation

- Repositioning of or redistribution of funds within an approved amount.
- Requires a revised Budget Worksheet to be completed.
- Example: In an approved grant total of \$500,000 of federal (OEA) funds and \$70,000 of non-federal funds, the new reallocated budget must equal the approved totals.

Change in Key Personnel

 Add or replace key personnel individually, contacts cannot be removed at this point.

Decrease in Non Federal Funding

- A budget adjustment for a decrease in the amount of money contributed by the grantee.
- Requires a revised Budget Worksheet to be completed.

Decrease in Federal Funding

- A budget adjustment for a decrease in the amount of money contributed by the Federal Government.
- Requires a revised Budget Worksheet to be completed.
- Requires a deobligation.







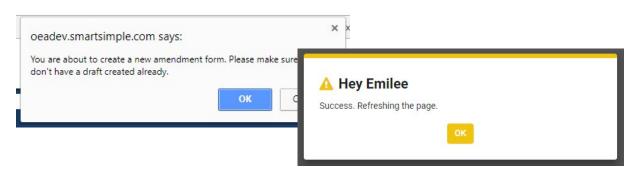
Creating a New Amendment

Before creating a new amendment, verify that previous amendments have been approved. Grants can only have one amendment activity in process at a time.

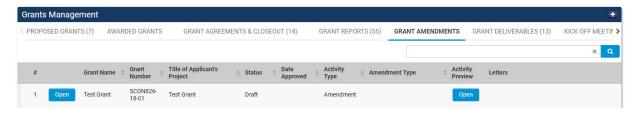
- Navigate to the Awarded Grants tab.
 - a. Status should be "Grant Awarded."



- 2. Click the **Add Amendment** button under the **Actions** column. Click this to create a new amendment form.
- 3. Click **OK** for both notifications.



4. Navigate to the **Grant Amendments** tab and open the newly created amendment activity.



5. The activity will have three basic tabs under Main: General, Activity Details, and Letters.

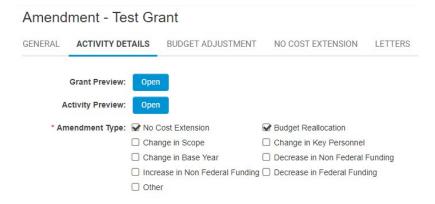








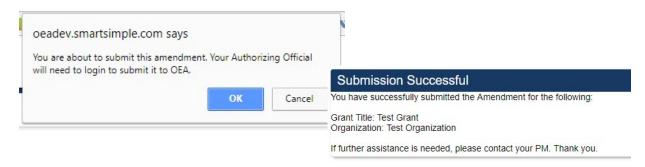
- Select the options under Amendment Type that will be included in the amendment activity.
 - The example below uses two common amendment types: No Cost Extension and Budget Reallocation.
- 7. Each selected Amendment Type will add a new tab to the amendment activity.



- 8. Complete the required information in each tab.
 - a. Instructions for an example **Budget Adjustment** begin on page F-6.
- 9. At this point, the grantee will have the following options:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit to AO** once grantee's review is complete and the amendment can be routed on to the AO.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



- 10. Select **Submit to AO** when the amendment is complete.
- 11. The two notifications below will appear. Click **OK** when prompted.







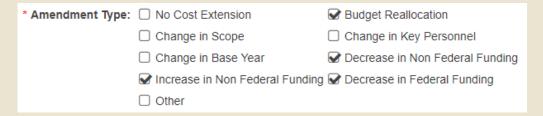


Budget Adjustment Amendment Example

The Budget Adjustment amendment allows the grantee to create a new budget and submit to OEA for approval.

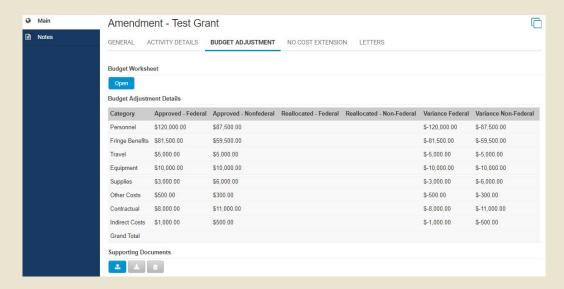
The Budget Adjustment tab will appear after choosing from four options. Each option has the same functionality in the system.

- Increase in Non Federal Funding
- Budget Reallocation
- Decrease in Non Federal Funding
- Decrease in Federal Funding



Budget Reallocation Example

- 1. Choose **Budget Reallocation** from the **Amendment Type** section.
- 2. Navigate to the new **Budget Adjustment** tab to edit the financial information.
 - a. The provided information is pulled from the **Grant Finances** tab of the grant.









- 3. There will be three sections to update:
 - a. Budget Worksheet
 - i. Click **Open** for a new, blank worksheet.
 - b. Budget Adjustment Details
 - c. Supporting Documents
- 4. Complete the new budget.
- **5.** Click **Save** to preserve the data that was entered and **Close** the pop-up window.

Pro-tip:

The calculation for the
Variance Federal and
Variance Non-Federal Grand
Totals: Amount Approved

- Amount Reallocated =Variance Amount.

WARNING: CLICK "CLEAR" ONLY IF ALL LINES NEED TO BE REMOVED. "CLEAR" DELETES ALL LINES EVEN IF THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY SAVED.

- 6. The system will update the amendment activity with the new budget details.
 - **a.** If the **Approved** and **Re-allocated** columns are not equal, the system will indicate the inequality with a red **X** in the Grand Total line.
 - b. There should be no variance in the total amounts with Budget Reallocation.
 - **c.** If there is a variance, a notification will suggest a change in **Amendment Type**.

Variance Federal	Variance Non-Federal
\$-120,000.00	\$-87,500.00
\$-81,500.00	\$-59,500.00
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$-500.00	\$-300.00
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\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplemental Grant for Federal Increase	★ Select Increase in Non Federal Funding





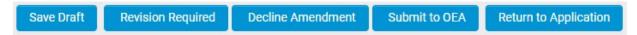


Authorizing Official Review

- Navigate to the Grant Amendments tab and click Open next to the correct amendment activity.
 - a. The status will be "Submitted to AO."



- Review the information and make any necessary changes.
- 3. The AO will have the following options:
 - Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Revision Required** for any additional information, questions, or revisions.
 - c. Decline Amendment to reject the amendment based on the findings during review.
 - **d. Submit to OEA** once the review is complete and the amendment can be routed on to the PM.
 - e. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



4. Select **Submit to OEA** when the amendment is ready. The following notification will appear to confirm submission was successful.



5. Once the amendment letter is approved, it can be accessed via the **Grant**Amendments tab.

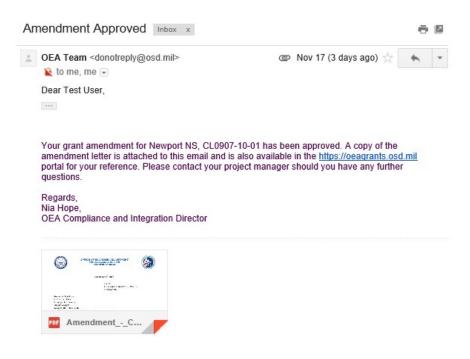






OEA Review

OEA will complete a review of the submitted grant amendment. Once the OEA Director has approved the grant amendment, both the PDA and AO will receive a confirmation email with the amendment letter attached.











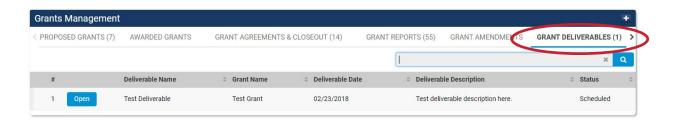




Grant Deliverables Tab

Grant Deliverables Layout

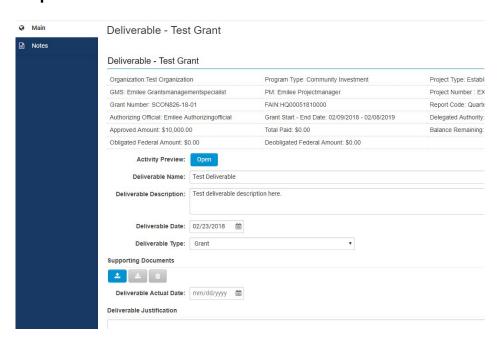
The **Grant Deliverables** tab contains all deliverables for all awarded grants assigned to the grantee. The Deliverable Name column next to the **Open** button on the left displays the type of deliverable.



Completing a Grant Deliverable

During the grant process, grantees are required to submit evidence of deliverable completion. Follow the steps below to complete a deliverable.

- 1. Open the home page and navigate to the **Grant Deliverables** tab.
 - **a.** The deliverable status changes from "Entered" to "Scheduled" when the grant is awarded.
- 2. Click Open next to the correct deliverable.

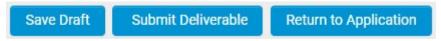








- 3. Once the deliverable is opened, the activity will appear with various grant details listed across the top. These details will include the assigned OEA staff members and financial information such as approved amount and total paid.
- 4. Upload the supporting documents for the deliverable and enter the **Deliverable**Actual Date and Deliverable Justification.
- 5. Once the grantee has finished entering information, the following options will be available:
 - a. Save Draft to save any changes made and continue working later.
 - **b. Submit Deliverable** to submit the requested deliverable.
 - c. Return to Application to view all of the application's details.



6. Select **Submit Deliverable** to submit to OEA.

Project Manager Review

Once the deliverable has been submitted to OEA, the Project Manager will review the deliverable for completion.







Kick Off Meetings Tab

Kick Off Meetings Layout

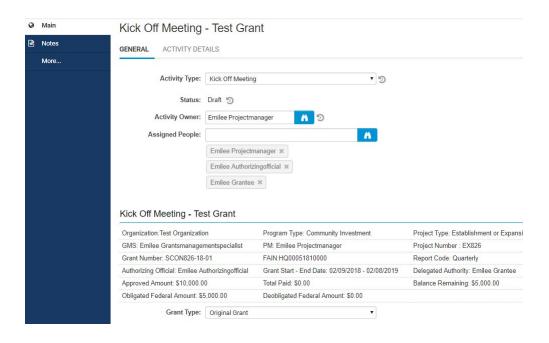
The **Kick Off Meetings** tab contains a list of the meetings that the grantee has been included on for all awarded grants. This activity provides the community access to specific kick-off materials tailored by the PM.



Completing a Kick-off Meeting

The Project Manager will create kick-off meetings for their respective grants. Kick-off meetings usually occur at the start of a grant with a new grantee.

- Navigate to the Kick Off Meetings tab and open the one for the correct meeting.
 - a. The scheduled date and time are listed under the tab.

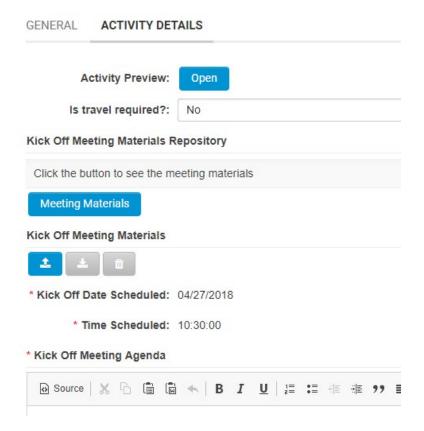




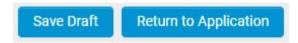




- 2. Underneath the **Activity Details** tab, the grantee can see the activity PDF, the materials repository, a section for uploading meeting materials, and the agenda.
 - **a. Activity Preview/PDF**: Click **Open** next to Activity Preview to view a PDF of the kick-off meeting. A link to the PDF is also provided for download.
 - **b. Kick Off Meeting Materials Repository**: Click the **Meeting Materials** button to open a pop-up window. These are all of the materials that the Project Manager has made available to the community.
 - **c. Kick Off Meeting Materials**: Upload any additional documents that were a part of the kick-off meeting here.
 - **d. Kick Off Meeting Agenda**: The Project Manager will have entered agenda items into this section. Make corrections if necessary.



- **3.** The community user will have the following options once they have reviewed the kick-off meeting activity:
 - a. Save Draft if any changes were made to the kick-off meeting.
 - **b. Return to Application** to view all of the application's details.









Supplemental Grant

Supplemental grants are submitted using the same workflow as the original grant application (Section B - Proposed Grants). The supplemental grant only requires two reports: Final Performance Report and Federal Financial Report.

Supplemental grants are to be used for an increase in federal funding so they are not considered an amendment. The supplemental grant will be linked to the original grant in the system.

Project Manager Creates Supplemental

The Project Manager at OEA will create the supplemental grant application.

Grantee Completes Application

1. Once the PM has sent the supplemental grant invite to the grantee, it can be found under **Proposed Grants** on the grantee's main page.



- 2. Open the draft and complete the application by entering the required information.
 - The process is the same as filling out an initial grant. Reference the Filling Out an Application section on page B-6.
 - **i. Application (SF 424)**: Instructions on page B-7.
 - ii. Application Narrative: Instructions on page B-9.
 - iii. Budget: Instructions on page B-12.
 - iv. Assurances and Certifications: Instructions on page B-25.

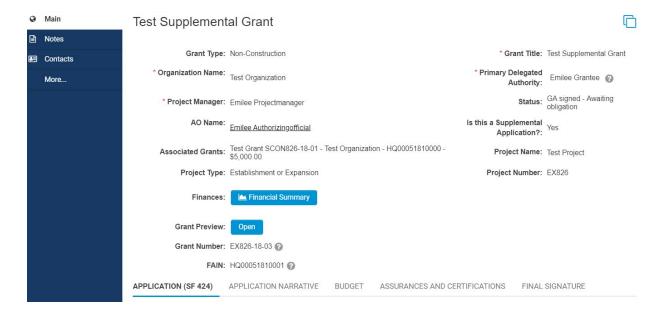
NOTE:

All supplemental grants require a new budget.

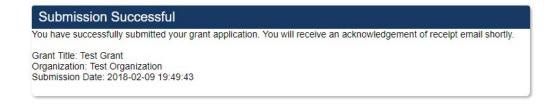








- 3. Once the application is completed, follow the instructions under **Submitting an Application to OEA** on page B-26.
 - **a.** The notification below will appear once the supplemental grant has been submitted.



NOTE:

Please work closely with the assigned OEA Project Manager throughout the supplemental process.







Supplemental Review

The supplemental grant will undergo the same review process as the original grant.

OEA Review

The supplemental application will be reviewed following the same workflow as the original grant application (B-28):

- The supplemental will be reviewed by the following OEA staff members: Program Director, Grants Management Specialist, and Project Manager.
- A TRC will be scheduled. Any revisions needed from the grantee will be discussed at the TRC.
- The Deputy Director, Compliance & Integration (DDC&I) Director and OEA Director will both review the Grant Agreement.

Authorizing Official Review

The Authorizing Official will be notified via email to download and submit the counter-signed Grant Agreement before the award becomes official (D-2).









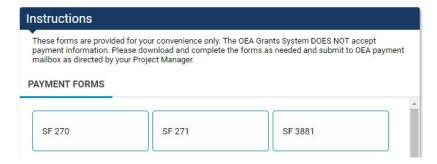




Payments

Payments are currently made outside of the OEA Grants Portal. Follow the steps below to complete the payment process.

- 1. Navigate to the **Payment** tab of the OEA Grants Portal to access the forms.
 - a. SF 270
 - b. SF 271
 - c. SF 3881 (Automated Clearing House/ACH form)



- 2. Prior to submitting the payment request, verify the following:
 - **a.** The organization's information in SAM (System for Award Management, https://www.sam.gov):
 - i. Legal Name
 - ii. DUNS Number
 - iii. Bank Account Number
 - iv. Routing Number
 - b. That the SF 3881 OEA has on file matches the information in SAM.
- 3. Email the completed payment form (SF 270 or SF 271) to the OEA payment mailbox: osd.ncr.odam.mbx.oea-payments@mail.mil
 - a. Include the OEA grant number and grant title in the subject line.
 - **b.** Copy the assigned OEA Project Manager.

NOTE:

Contact OEA as soon as possible if any changes are made to the organization's bank account information or SAM.













Appendices

Acronyms

User Roles

- AO: Authorizing Official
- BO: Budget Officer
- **CC**: Community Contact
- DDC&I: Deputy Director,
 Compliance & Integration
- DIR: Director
- ER: External Reviewer
- GMS: Grants Management Specialist

- **OGC**: Office of General Counsel
- PD: Program Director
- PDA: Primary Delegated Authority
- **PM**: Project Manager

Program Types

- BRAC: Base Realignment and Closure
- **CEA**: Community Economic Adjustment
- CI: Community Investment
- **CU**: Compatible Use
- DIA: Defense Industry Adjustment
- RTA: Research and Technical Assistance

Other

- DAI: Defense Agencies Initiative
- DBAG: Also known as the PO Number
- DoD: Department of Defense
- DUNS: Data Universal Numbering System
- EADS II: Economic Adjustment Data System II
- FAIN: Federal Award Identification Number
- LRA: Local Redevelopment Authority
- **OEA**: Office of Economic Adjustment
- UID: Unique Identifier







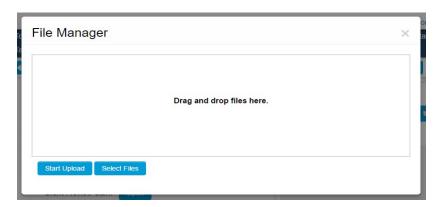
File Uploader

There are various points in the OEA Grants Portal where the user can upload pertinent documents. The system generally only allows PDFs, but in certain areas Excel and Word documents can be uploaded (e.g., a detailed budget in Excel). The instructions below will apply to all file uploaders in the system.

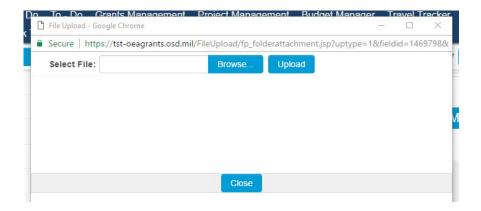
1. Choose between uploading multiple or single files and click the corresponding button.



2. Click **Multiple Files** to open this pop-up window. Either drag and drop the desired files, or click **Select Files**.



- **3.** Once the files are chosen, click **Start Upload** to upload the documents into the portal.
- 4. Click Single File to open this pop-up window with no drag and drop option.

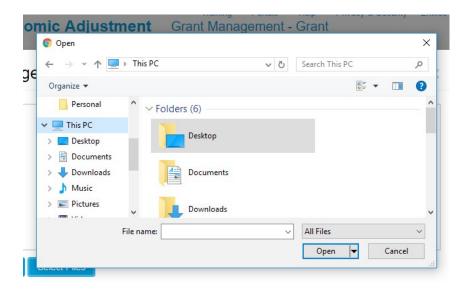








- **5.** Click **Browse**. The system will bring up the file explorer window. Navigate to the correct folder and select the file to upload.
- 6. Click **Open** when the file is selected.



7. Once the files are uploaded either using the multiple or single option, save the activity or grant to ensure the documents are not lost.



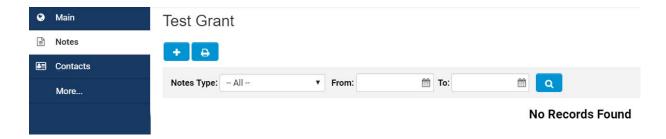




Notes Tool

The Notes tab will generally be near the top of the left hand menu in all grant and activity screens. Information entered in the Notes tool is not automatically included in the application; instead it acts as a record to summarize changes.

- 1. Click the **Notes** tab to open and close the feature.
 - a. Clicking **Expand** will open the notes feature in a new window.
- 2. Click the **Add** button to create a new note.



3. Select the correct type of note.



- 4. Click into the blank space and enter the information.
- 5. Once entered, there will be two options:
 - a. Save to save the new note.
 - b. Cancel to remove the information and leave the Notes tool.



6. Once the note is saved, it will appear in the Notes tool.







7. The **edit** button to the right allows the user to edit or delete the note after it is saved.

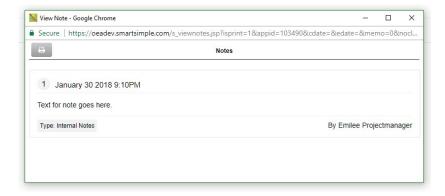


Printing From the Notes Tool

1. Click the print icon.



2. A pop-up box will appear. Click the print icon again to choose printer settings.



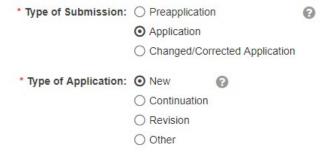






System Rules

- Add OEA email addresses as a safe sender to ensure all email notifications are received.
- 2. When users are logged into the OEA Grants Portal, multiple windows within the same browser type can be opened at a time.
- **3.** All sections with a red asterisk require information before the system will move to the next status in the workflow.



4. Hover over question marks throughout the system for a pop-up explanation of the field being completed.



Per DoD policy, the OEA Grants Portal will log the user out automatically after 15 minutes of inactivity. The portal will provide a 30 second warning when the session is about to time out.

