

# **Application Submission and Acceptance**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Search for submitted application packages on the Grants.gov screen
- Select forms to transfer with the application package from Grants.gov to GrantSolutions
- Accept Applications from Grants.gov
- Reject Applications from Grants.gov
- Log a paper-based application through GrantSolutions

#### **OVERVIEW**

Electronic Applications can be submitted through Grants.gov or GrantSolutions. Paper-based applications can be logged manually by Grantors through GrantSolutions. This lesson explains how to process applications submitted electronically through Grants.gov or manually logged through GrantSolutions.



### ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM GRANTS.GOV

Some Federal agencies require new grant application submission through Grants.gov. Applications submitted through Grants.gov are available for acceptance in GrantSolutions.

To search for a submitted application on the "Grants.gov Application Log" screen, perform the following steps:

- 1. From a browser such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, navigate to <a href="https://www.grantsolutions.gov">www.grantsolutions.gov</a> and click the **Login** button.
- 2. On the "GrantSolutions Login" screen, log into the GrantSolutions GMM using your **GrantSolutions Username** and **GrantSolutions Password** and click the **Submit** button. Alternatively, log in with your PIV card or Login.gov account if applicable.
- 3. The "Grants List" screen appears. From the menu bar, click the **Applications** tab and select the **Grants.gov** option.

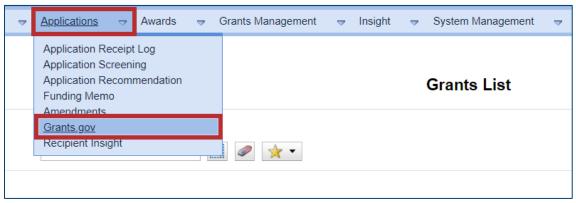


Figure 22: GMM Menu bar – Applications tab and Grants.gov option



- 4. The "Grants.gov Application Log" screen appears. Enter **search criteria** into at least one search field:
  - **Submit Date From:** Defaults to one month prior to the current date.
  - Submit Date To: Defaults to the current date.
  - Opportunity Title: The announcement name.
  - **Opportunity ID:** The announcement identification number.
  - **Grants.gov ID:** The Grants.gov application identification number.
  - Options:
    - o **Received Application:** Applications available for acceptance in GrantSolutions.
    - o **Accepted Application:** Applications already accepted in GrantSolutions.
    - o **Rejected Application:** Rejected applications in GrantSolutions.

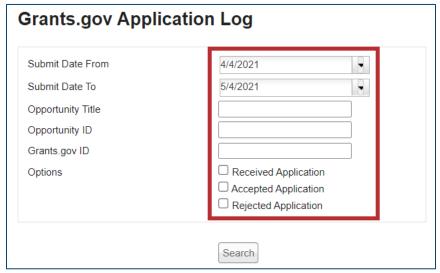


Figure 23: Grants.gov Application Log screen - search fields



### 5. Click the **Search** button.

| Submit Date From  | 4/4/2021               |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Submit Date To    | 5/4/2021               |
| Opportunity Title |                        |
| Opportunity ID    |                        |
| Grants.gov ID     |                        |
| Options           | ☐ Received Application |
|                   | ☐ Accepted Application |
|                   | ☐ Rejected Application |

Figure 24: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Search button

Results appear in a table below the search fields and are grouped by the *Grants.gov Opportunity* and *Default Announcement*.

**Note:** Click the *Change Announcement for all Grants.gov Apps* button to associate all submitted applications with a different Default Announcement.

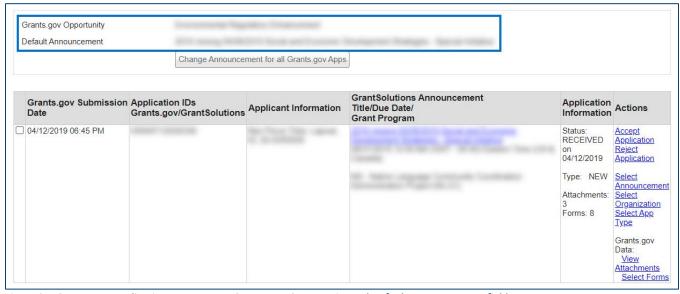


Figure 25: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Grants.gov Opportunity and Default Announcement fields



The following information appears in the results table:

| Column                                    | Description  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Grants.gov Submission Date                | The date on which the application was submitted.   |  |  |  |
| Application IDs Grants.gov/GrantSolutions | The Grants.gov application identification number. The GrantSolutions application number appears upon acceptance of the application.  |  |  |  |
| Application Information                   | Includes the applicant name, city, state, and zip code.  |  |  |  |
| GrantSolutions                            | Click the <b>Announcement Title</b> link to navigate to the announcement   |  |  |  |
| Announcement Title/Due                    | information, the application due date, and the Grant Program name.   |  |  |  |
| Date/Grant Program:                       |  |  |  |  |
| Application Information                   | <ul> <li>Status: Indicates whether the application is Received,         Accepted, or Rejected. Also indicates the user that performed the action and the date on which it was performed.</li> <li>Type: The Application Type.</li> <li>Validation Errors: The number of errors, if any, associated with the application.</li> <li>Attachments: The number of attachments associated with the application.</li> <li>Forms: The number of forms associated with the application.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
| Actions                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Actions                                   | <ul> <li>The following are descriptions for each Actions link available on the "Grants.gov Application Log" screen:         <ul> <li>Accept Application: Click to accept the application from Grants.gov to GrantSolutions.</li> <li>Reject Application: Click to reject the application from Grants.gov. If an application is accepted, it cannot be rejected.</li> <li>Un-reject Application: Click to return the application to the Received status where it can be accepted from Grants.gov.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Select Announcement: Click to search for a different announcement to associate with the application.</li> <li>Select Organization: Click to search and select a different applicant organization to associate with the submitted application.</li> <li>Select App Type: Click to change the submitted application type to New, Competing Continuation, or Supplement.</li> <li>View Attachments: Click to view all attachments associated with the application.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |



# Select Forms to Include with an Application Package

To select forms to include with the application package, perform the following steps:

1. From the results table on the "Grants.gov Application Log" screen, locate the desired application and click the **Select Forms** link in the *Actions* column.

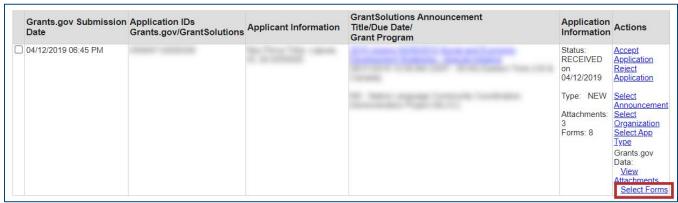


Figure 26: Grants.gov Application Log screen - Select Forms link

2. The "Grants.gov Forms List" appears. Select the forms in PDF format to transfer to the application kit using the **checkboxes** to the left of each form and click the **Save** button.

**Note:** Supported forms already included in the GrantSolutions application kit include the SF-424, SF-424a, SF-424b, SF-424d, SF-424d, SF-LLL, and Project Abstract Summary. Selecting these forms again results in duplicate application information. View and download files by clicking the *View PDF* links in the *Actions* column.

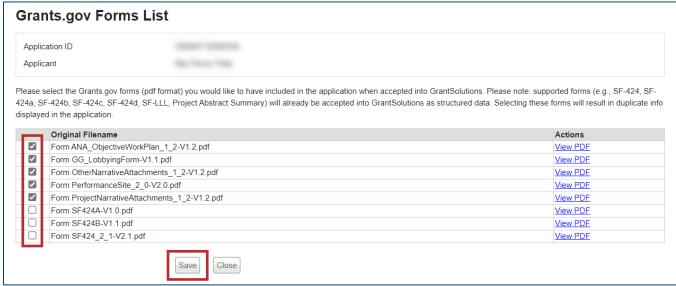


Figure 27: Grants.gov Application Log screen – form checkboxes and Save button

The "Grants.gov Receipt Log" screen appears.



# **Accept Applications**

To accept an application from Grants.gov, perform the following steps:

**Note:** If an application is accepted from Grants.gov, it cannot be undone.

1. From the "Grants.gov Application Log" screen, locate the application. Click the **Accept Application** link in the *Actions* column.

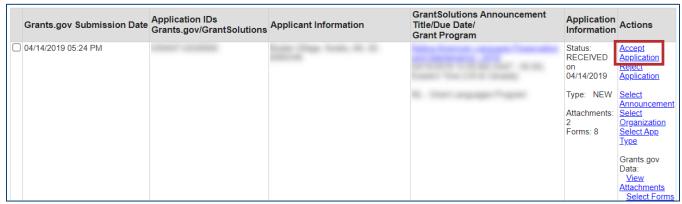


Figure 28: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Accept Application link

2. A confirmation message appears with the text, "Do you want to accept this application?" Click the **OK** button.



Figure 29: Accept Application Confirmation Message - OK button

3. A summary of the accepted application appears. Click the **Close** button to return to the "Grants.gov Application Log" screen.

| Submit<br>Date | Applicant Name | Ggov Application<br>ID | g applications have been accepted<br>GrantSolutions Application<br>IDs | GrantSolutions Announcement Title (Due Date)   |
|----------------|----------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 2019-04-14     | MALES TOWN     |                        | N. 100 100   | 20 mm market mar |
|                |                |                        | Close  |  |

Figure 30: Summary of Accepted Application – Close button



The status on the "Grants.gov Receipt Log" screen is updated from Received to Accepted.

| Grants.gov Submission<br>Date | Application IDs<br>Grants.gov/GrantSolutions | Applicant Information | GrantSolutions Announcement<br>Title/Due Date/<br>Grant Program | Application<br>Information              | Actions   |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| 04/14/2019 05:24 PM           |  | Section 1             |   | ACCEPTED<br>by GGOV<br>on<br>05/04/2021 | View<br>GrantSolutions<br>App<br>Grants.gov Data<br>View<br>Attachments<br>View Forms |

Figure 31: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Accepted status

### Reject and Un-Reject Applications

Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the minimum criteria for an announcement can be rejected.

To reject an application, perform the following steps:

1. From the "Grants.gov Application Log" screen, locate the desired application. If an announcement is selected, the *Reject Application* link appears. Click the **Reject Application** link.

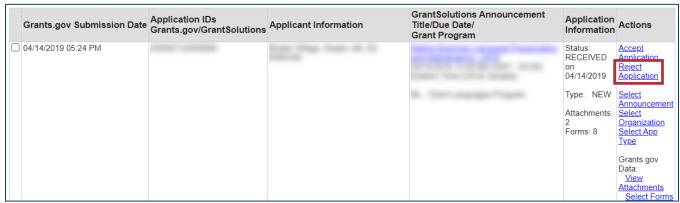


Figure 32: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Reject Application link

2. A confirmation message appears with the text, "Do you want to reject this application?" Click the **OK** button.



Figure 33: Reject Application Confirmation Message – OK button



The screen refreshes and the status of the application is Rejected.

| Grants.gov Submission<br>Date | Application IDs<br>Grants.gov/GrantSolutions | Applicant Information | GrantSolutions Announcement<br>Title/Due Date/<br>Grant Program | Application<br>Information  | Actions  |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| 04/14/2019 06:29 PM           |  |                       |   | Status:<br>REJECTED<br>by<br>on<br>05/04/2021<br>Type: NEW<br>Attachments:<br>2<br>Forms: 8 | Un-reject Application  Select Announcement Select Organization Select App Type  Grants.gov Data: View Attachments Select Forms |

Figure 34: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Rejected status

3. Upon rejection, an application can be un-rejected and returned to the *Received* status by clicking the **Un-reject Application** link in the *Actions* column.

| Grants.gov Submission<br>Date | Application IDs<br>Grants.gov/GrantSolutions | Applicant Information | GrantSolutions Announcement<br>Title/Due Date/<br>Grant Program | Application<br>Information  | Actions   |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| 04/14/2019 06:29 PM           |  |                       |   | Status:<br>REJECTED<br>by<br>on<br>05/04/2021<br>Type: NEW<br>Attachments:<br>2<br>Forms: 8 | Un-reject<br>Application  Select Announcement Select Organization Select App Type  Grants.gov Data: View Attachments Select Forms |

Figure 35: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Un-reject Application link

4. A confirmation message appears with the text, "Do you want to un-reject this application?" Click the **OK** button.



Figure 36: Un-reject Application Confirmation Message – OK button



The screen refreshes. The status of the application is *Received*, and the *Accept Application* link is available.

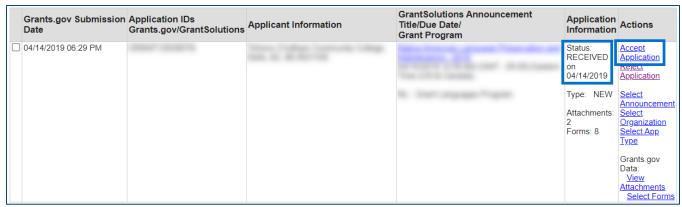


Figure 37: Grants.gov Application Log screen – Received status

#### SUBMIT PAPER-BASED APPLICATIONS

Users with the GMO or GMS role can log applications by entering and submitting paper-based applications through GrantSolutions.

## Log Competing Applications

To log a paper-based, competing application, perform the following steps:

- 1. From a browser such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, navigate to <a href="https://www.grantsolutions.gov">www.grantsolutions.gov</a> and click the **Login** button.
- 2. On the "GrantSolutions Login" screen, log into the GrantSolutions GMM using your **GrantSolutions Username** and **GrantSolutions Password** and click the **Submit** button. Alternatively, log in with your PIV card or Login.gov account if applicable.
- 3. The "Grants List" screen appears. From the menu bar, click the **Applications** tab and select the **Application Receipt Log** option.

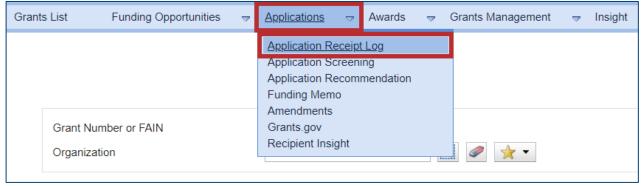


Figure 38: GMM Menu bar – Applications tab and Application Receipt Log option



4. The "Application Receipt and Logging" screen appears. Click the **Log Competing Applications** button.

Note: The Log Competing Applications button is available only to users with the GMO or GMS role.

|  |  | Application Receipt and Logging                           |
|--|--|---|
| Application Number Grant Number or FAIN Organization |  |   |
|  |  | Please filter your search as necessary                    |
|  |  | Log Competing Applications Log Non-Competing Applications |

Figure 39: Application Receipt and Logging screen – Log Competing Applications button

5. The "Announcements" screen appears. Select the **radio button** for the announcement to associate the application to and click the **Next** button.



Figure 40: Announcements screen – announcement radio button and Next button



6. The "Select Organization" screen appears. Search for the applicant organization by entering search criteria in the *Name*, *City*, *State*, *EIN*, *DUNS*, or *Country* fields and click the **Search** button.

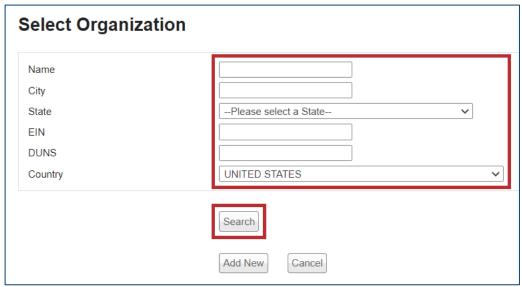


Figure 41: Select Organization screen - search criteria fields and Search button

7. Results appear in a table below the search fields. Select the **radio button** to the left of the desired *Organization* and click the **Next** button.

**Note**: If unable to locate the organization, contact the GrantSolutions Help Desk before adding a new organization to the system. If necessary, click the *Add New* button to add a new organization to GrantSolutions.

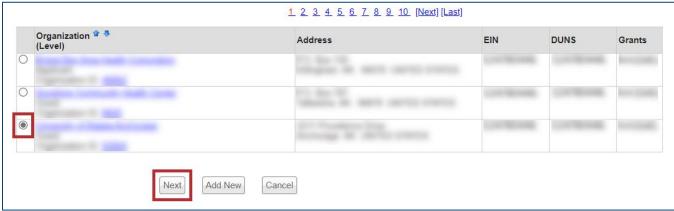


Figure 42: Select Organization screen – Organization radio button and Next button



8. The "Application Type" screen appears and the *New* option is selected by default. Click the **Next** button.

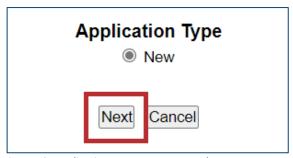


Figure 43: Application Type screen – Next button

9. The "Application Information" screen appears. Complete all **required fields** and click the **Save** button.

Note: A red asterisk indicates a required field.

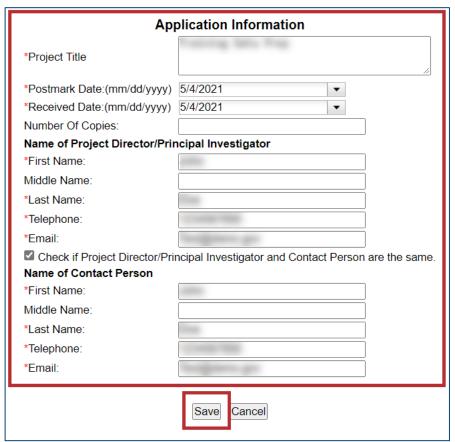


Figure 44: Application Information screen – required fields and Save button

The "Application Receipt and Logging" screen appears.



# Log Non-Competing Applications

To log a paper-based, Non-Competing application, perform the following steps:

- 1. From a browser such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, navigate to <a href="https://www.grantsolutions.gov">www.grantsolutions.gov</a> and click the **Login** button.
- 2. On the "GrantSolutions Login" screen, log into the GrantSolutions GMM using your **GrantSolutions Username** and **GrantSolutions Password** and click the **Submit** button. Alternatively, log in with your PIV card or Login.gov account if applicable.
- 3. The "Grants List" screen appears. From the menu bar, click the **Applications** tab and select the **Application Receipt Log** option.

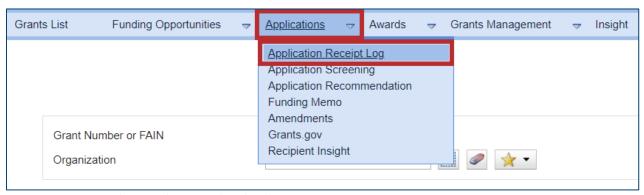


Figure 45: GMM Menu bar – Applications tab and Application Receipt Log option

4. The "Application Receipt and Logging" screen appears. Click the **Log Non-Competing Applications** button.

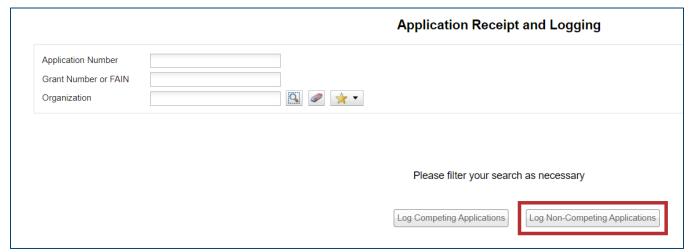


Figure 46: Application Receipt and Logging screen – Log Non-Competing Applications button



5. The "Add Non-Competing Application" screen appears. Select a **Grant Number Prefix** (Grant Program) from the drop-down and click the **Next** button.



Figure 47: Add Non Competing Application screen – Grant Number Prefix drop-down and Next button

6. The "Add Non-Competing Application" screen appears. Select a **Grant Number** from the drop-down and click the **Next** button.

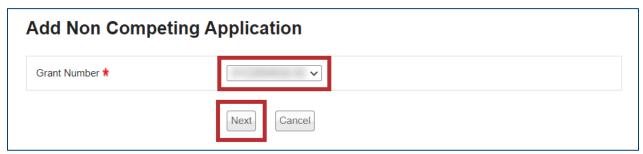


Figure 48: Add Non Competing Application screen – Grant Number drop-down and Next button



7. The "Application Receipt Log – Create" screen appears. Complete all **required fields**, ensure information is correct, and click the **Create** button.

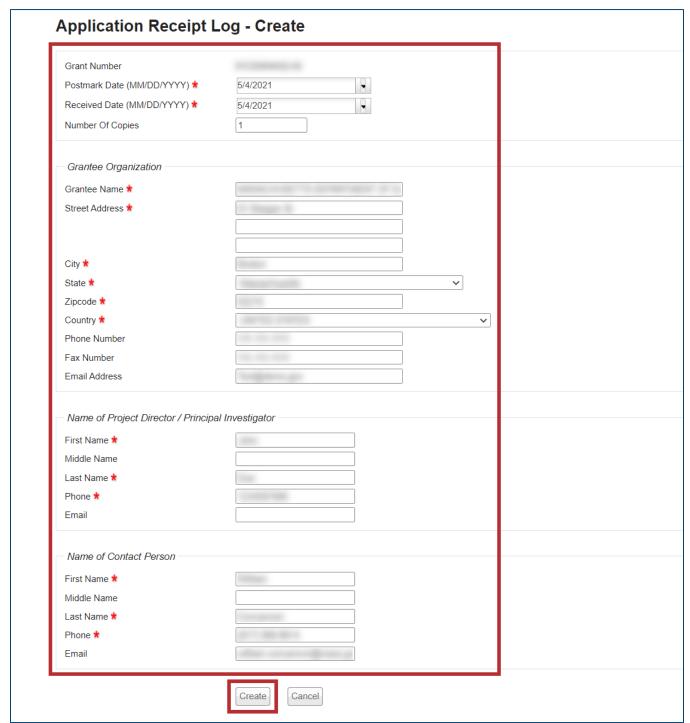


Figure 49: Application Receipt Log - Create screen – required information and Create button

The "Application Receipt and Logging" screen appears.



# **Submit Logged Applications**

The process to submit a logged application is identical for New and NCC applications.

To submit a logged application, perform the following steps:

- 1. From a browser such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, navigate to <a href="https://www.grantsolutions.gov">www.grantsolutions.gov</a> and click the **Login** button.
- 2. On the "GrantSolutions Login" screen, log into the GrantSolutions GMM using your **GrantSolutions Username** and **GrantSolutions Password** and click the **Submit** button. Alternatively, log in with your PIV card or Login.gov account if applicable.
- 3. The "Grants List" screen appears. From the menu bar, click the **Applications** tab and select the **Application Receipt Log** option.

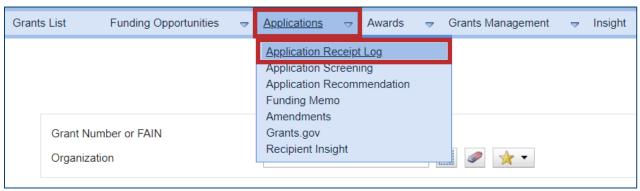


Figure 50: GMM Menu bar – Applications tab and Application Receipt Log option

4. The "Application Receipt and Logging" screen appears. Search for the logged application by entering the **organization name** in the *Organization* field and clicking the **Search** icon.



Figure 51: Application Receipt and Logging screen – Organization field and Search icon



5. Results appear in a table below the search fields. Click the **Open Application** icon in the *Actions* column to enter forms and upload attachments.

**Note**: The application number is "To be assigned" in the *Application Number* column and features a "P" icon. The "P" icon indicates that the application is paper-based. The application status is *Received* in the *Application Status* column because the application kit is not submitted.

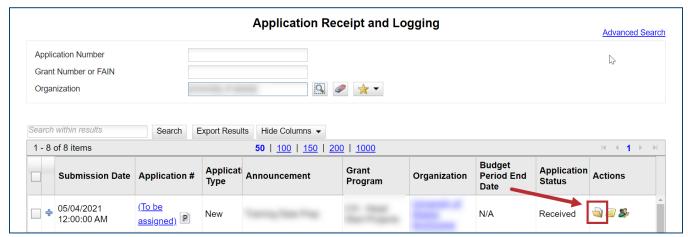


Figure 52: Application Receipt and Logging screen – Open Application icon



The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears. The application bears the *Received (Paper Submission)* status.

**Note:** Alternatively, the application bears the *Late* status if the due date is passed.

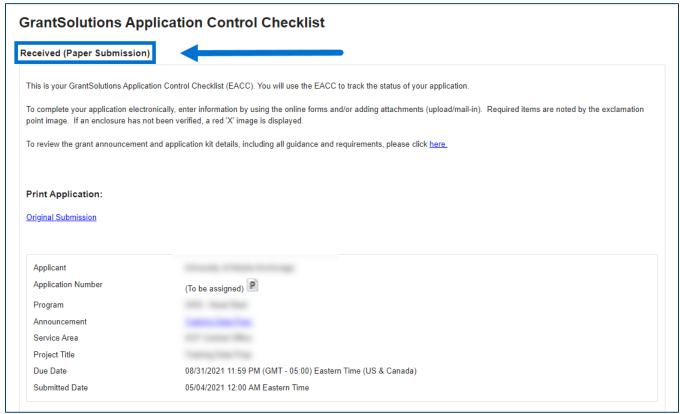


Figure 53: GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist screen – Received (Paper Submission) status

6. Scroll to the *Online Forms* section. To enter a form, click the **Enter Online** link in the *Enclosure(s)* column.

| Online Forms  | Enclosure(s) | Attachment(s)                                     | Status   |
|---|--------------|---|----------|
| SF-424A Budget Information - Non-Construction       | Enter Online | N/A   | <u> </u> |
| SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance Version 2 | Enter Online | N/A   | <u> </u> |
| SF-424B Assurances - Non-Construction               | Enter Online | N/A   | <u> </u> |
| SF-424D Assurances - Construction Programs          | Enter Online | N/A   | <u> </u> |
| SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities            | Enter Online | N/A   |          |
| Additional Information to be Submitted              | ⊏nciosure(s) | Attachment(s)                                     | Status   |
| Miscellaneous Information                           |              | 0 <u>Uploaded Files</u><br>0 <u>Mail-in Items</u> |          |

Figure 54: GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist screen - Enter Online links in the Enclosure(s) column

7. The online form appears. Enter all required **information** and click the **Save** button.



8. A green checkmark icon and a "Save Successful" message indicate that the form is successfully saved. Click the **Close** button.



Figure 55: Save Successful message and Close button

9. The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen reappears. If all forms are entered and attachments are uploaded, click the **Verify Submission** button.



Figure 56: GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist screen – Verify Submission button

10. The "GrantSolutions Submission Verification" screen appears. Click the **Final Submission** button.

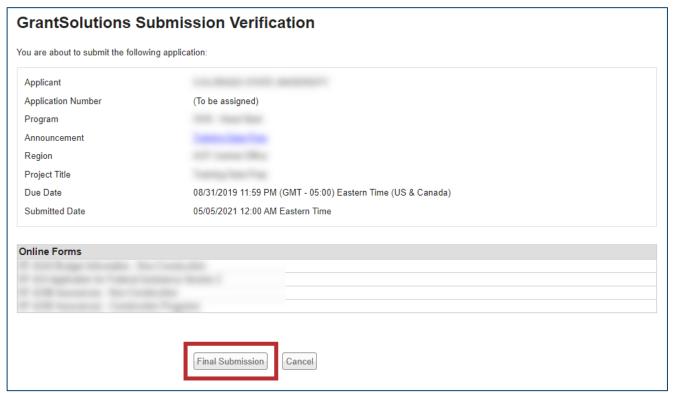


Figure 57: GrantSolutions Submission Verification screen – Final Submission button



11. The "Application Status Confirmation" screen appears, and the Application Number appears in the *Application Number* field. Click the **Application Control Checklist** button to return to the "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen.

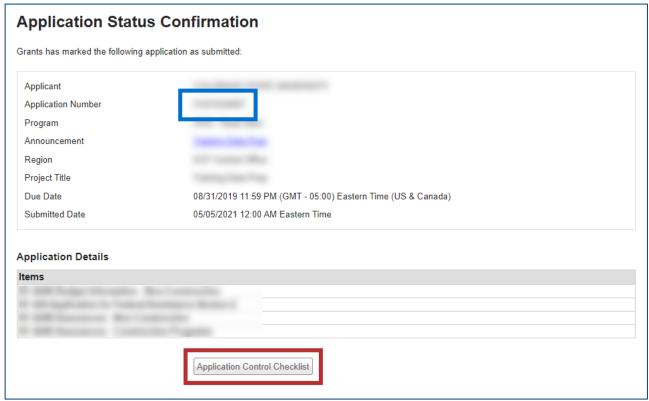


Figure 58: Application Status Confirmation screen – Application Number and Application Control Checklist button

The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears, and the application bears the *Submitted (Read-Only)* status.

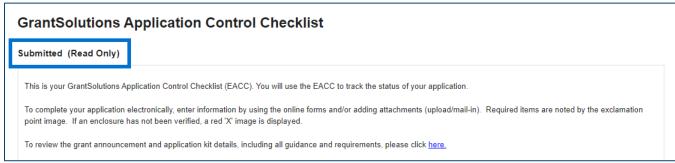


Figure 59: GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist screen – Submitted (Read Only) status



## Complete Logged Applications

If an application is in the *Submitted* status, the Office of Grants Management must review the application to ensure all forms and attachments are included in the application kit and mark the application as complete to move it forward. Users with a GMO, GMS, or GSS role can mark an application as complete.

**Note**: New applications accepted from Grants.gov are automatically marked as complete.

To complete the application, perform the following steps:

- 1. From a browser such as Internet Explorer or Google Chrome, navigate to <a href="https://www.grantsolutions.gov">www.grantsolutions.gov</a> and click the **Login** button.
- 2. On the "GrantSolutions Login" screen, log into the GrantSolutions GMM using your **GrantSolutions Username** and **GrantSolutions Password** and click the **Submit** button. Alternatively, log in with your PIV card or Login.gov account if applicable.
- 3. The "Grants List" screen appears. From the menu bar, click the **Applications** tab and select the **Application Receipt Log** option.

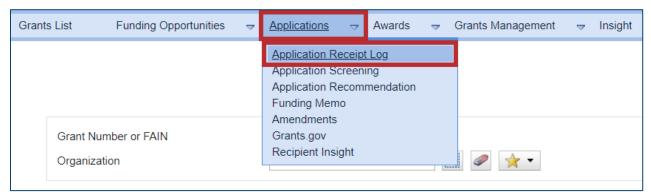


Figure 60: GMM Menu bar – Applications tab and Application Receipt Log option

4. The "Application Receipt and Logging" screen appears. Enter **search criteria** into the search fields and click the **Search** icon.

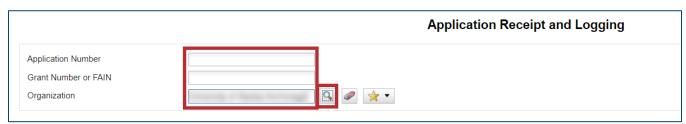


Figure 61: Application Receipt and Logging screen – search fields and search icon



5. Results appear in a table below the search fields. Locate the desired application and click the **Open Application** icon in the *Actions* column.



Figure 62: Application Receipt and Logging screen – Open Application icon

6. The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears. Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click the **Verify Completion** button.

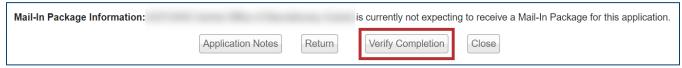


Figure 63: GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist screen – Verify Completion button

7. The "GrantSolutions Application Completion Verification" screen appears. Click the **Final Completion** button.

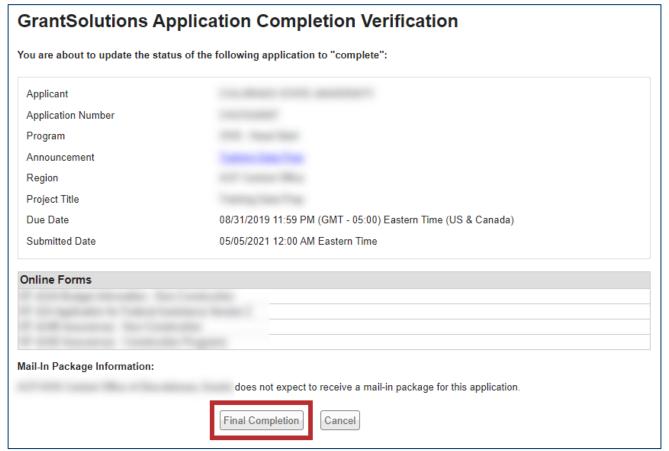


Figure 64: GrantSolutions Application Completion Verification screen – Final Completion button



8. The "Application Status Confirmation" screen appears. Click the **Application Control Checklist** button to confirm the application bears the *Complete* status and return to the "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen.

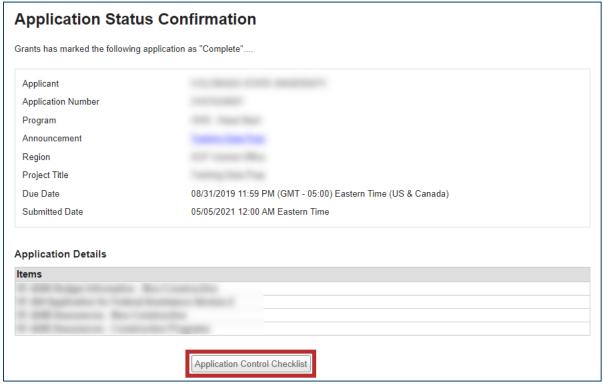


Figure 65: Application Status Confirmation screen – Application Control Checklist button

The "GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist" screen appears, and the application bears the *Complete (Read Only)* status.

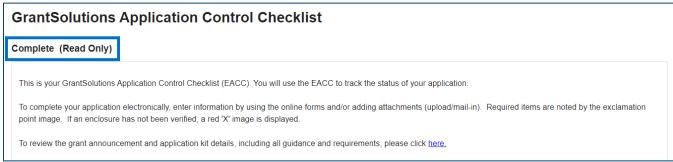


Figure 66: GrantSolutions Application Control Checklist screen - Complete (Read Only) status