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GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS ONLINE SERVICES: USER GUIDE (PROJECT INTAKE)

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to your Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) external user guide for the online account registration and the Application for Funding.

DID YOU KNOW?

The GCOS is a centralized external Web platform for applying for Gs&Cs programs and managing active projects with ESDC. It provides recipients with a safe, secure and user-friendly environment to apply for funding online and to create/view/edit/save/submit/withdraw project management items (claims, Forecasts of Project Expenditures (FPE) and activity reports). It is available from the Funding Programs website, which contains all current and user-friendly information on Gs&Cs programs and funding opportunities.

Note: In June 2013, the GCOS will be available to the Skills Link program delivered across Canada. Once fully implemented, all programs accepting applications from external organizations will be able to use the GCOS.

THE GCOS HAS 3 MODULES

- 1. **Account Management**: Manages access to the GCOS, enables funding applicants to create, validate and modify accounts and manages organization tombstone information, mandate and supporting documentation.
- 2. **Applications and Projects**: Manages individual Gs&Cs applications and enables funding applicants to create, modify, submit and view their Standard Application for Funding.
- 3. **Project Management**: Manages claims, FPEs, and activity reports as well as enables recipients to create, modify, submit and view Claims, FPEs, and Activity Reports. This module is not available to recipients until their Standard Application for Funding has been approved by ESDC and the funding agreement is signed.

Note: For detailed information on Project Management items, contact your ESDC representative to obtain the Grants and Contributions Online Services: External User Guide (Project Management).

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

A. GCOS HAS A TIME OUT FEATURE: REMEMBER TO SAVE OFTEN

After twenty (20) minutes of account inactivity, the GCOS will prompt you with a "Message from webpage".



B. Web Browser Compatibility

The GCOS is compatible with the following Web browsers:

- Windows Internet Explorer 8;
- Mozilla Firefox;
- Google Chrome; and
- Apple Safari.

C. ACCOUNT VALIDATION

ESDC will validate requests for account registration within **two (2) business days** of submission. If you have not received a response from ESDC within this time frame you must contact: NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.qc.ca. See section 1.2.4.1 of this document for more information on account validation.

Note the following:

• If a funding program has a deadline, which is within **two (2) business days** from the time your organization registered for an account, you should follow the paper application process.

D. CURRENT MANUAL SIGNATURE PROCESSES STILL APPLY

In cases where an online application is approved (and once the Standard Contribution Agreement (SCA) is prepared and ready for signature) the following manual signature process applies:

- the funding applicant's authorized representative(s) will sign the <u>Signing Officers Form</u> (validates the representatives identity within their organization in terms of having the authority to sign agreements, cheques, payment claims and reports);
- the funding applicant's authorized representative(s) then signs both copies of the Standard Contribution Agreement (SCA) and returns them to the Program Delivery Staff (PDS) (in-person, by fax or by e-mail);
- ESDC's delegated representative will sign both copies of the SCA; and
- PDS will place one (1) signed copy in the paper file and return the second (2nd) copy to the recipient for their own records.

IMPORTANT: The Signing Officers Form is a "Protected" document therefore recipients should confirm with their PDS how this document should be submitted.

E. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: THERE ARE UPLOAD RESTRICTIONS

Each document uploaded to the GCOS cannot exceed 15MB in size. There is no limit to how many documents can be uploaded.

F. Make Sure to Use Your Program Specific Applicant Guide

ESDC has developed <u>program specific</u> Applicant Guides to provide you with program specific clarification on the level of detail required to complete your application using the GCOS. This guide is:

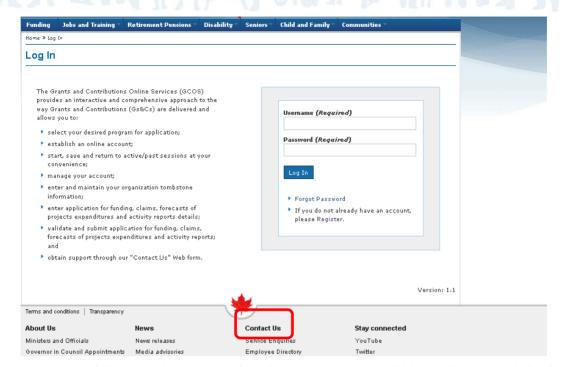
- program specific;
- specifies the level of information required to complete each section;
- provides the appropriate Budget Detail Template for that grant or contribution program;
- stipulates cost categories;
- outlines eligible costs; and
- outlines the level of detail required to assess the application.

Program specific Applicant Guides are available on the ESDC Funding Programs Web site. You can link to your program specific Applicant Guide from the Program Selection screen in GCOS as well.

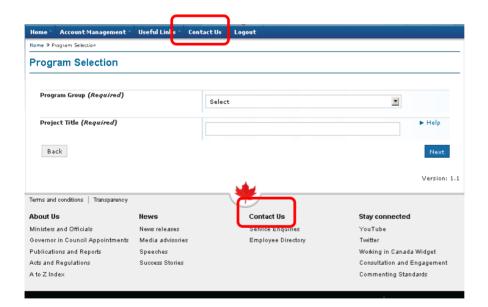
G. CONTACT US

Technical and non-technical questions and/or concerns can be submitted at any time throughout the process. Prior to accessing an account, the "Contact Us" is available at the bottom on the "Log In" screen and will directs you to the main "Contact Us" screen (see p.9).

- Non-technical questions are routed to the responsible program at NHQ.
- <u>Technical questions</u> are routed to the Online Services team at NHQ.

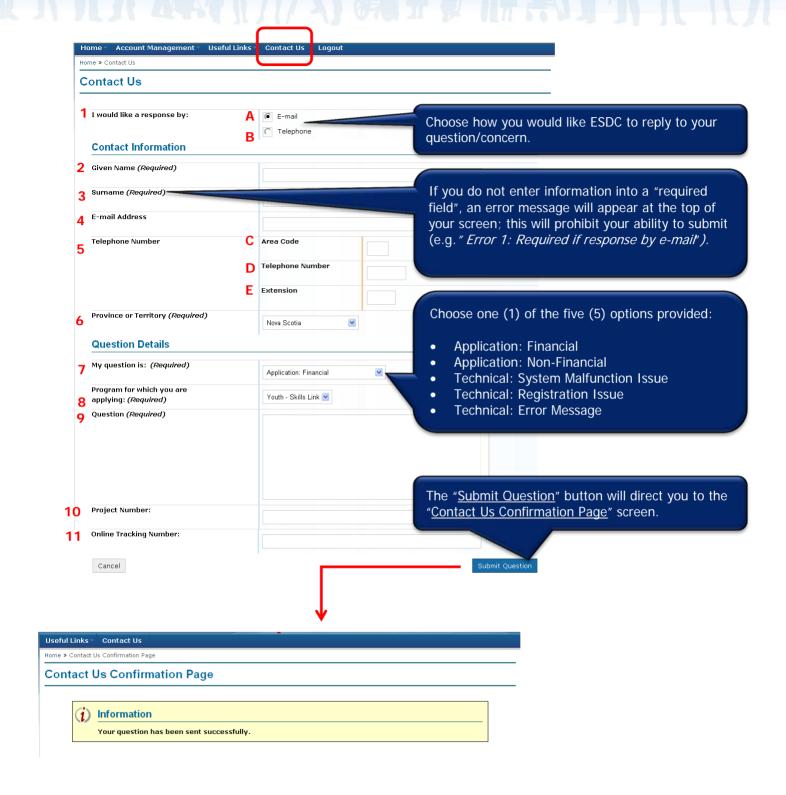


Following a successful login to the system, the "Contact Us" is available at the top and the bottom of all screens.



The numbers and letters in this table correspond to the following screen shot (*required field):

#	Field	Description	
1	I would like a response by*:	Indicate the way you wish ESDC to reply to your question/concern A. E-mail B. Telephone	
2	Given Name*	The first name of the person submitting the question/concern.	
3	Surname*	The last name of the person submitting the question/concern.	
4	E-mail Address	The e-mail address where the individual submitting the question/concern can be reached.	
5	Telephone Number	 A. Area code (the person's 3-digit area code) B. Telephone number (the person's 7-digit phone number; e.g. 456-7890) C. Extension (extension of the person's telephone number) 	
6	Province/Territory*	The province/territory where the person submitting the question/concern is physically located.	
7	My question is*:	 Drop down: Choose one of the five (5) options provided: Application: Financial Application: Non-Financial Technical: System Malfunction Issue Technical: Registration Issue Technical: Error Message 	
8	Program for which you are applying*	<u>Drop down</u> : Choose the program for which you are applying.	
9	Question*	With as much detail as possible, write your question here. In order to better assess your question, please include if the situation is occurring in the Account Management, Application, Claim, FPE or Activity Report section of GCOS. Also include your role and if you are a Delegate, the responsibilities that are assigned to you (see section 1.3.7.2).	
10	Project Number	Once your project becomes active, ESDC will provide a project number at such time that your Application for Funding is approved.	
11	Online Tracking Number	ESDC will provide an online tracking number after you complete and submit your online Application for Funding. This number will appear on the confirmation screen (if available). See section 3.17 for more information.	



ACRONYMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS DOCUMENT

ATIA	Access to Information Act	
CEAA	Canadian Environmental Assessment Act	
CRA	Canada Revenue Agency	
CSGC	Common System for Grants and Contributions	
EA	Environmental Assessment	
FPE	Forecasts of Project Expenditures	
Gs&Cs	Grants and Contributions	
GCOS	Grants and Contributions Online Services	
GoC	Government of Canada	
ESDC	Employment and Social Development Canada	
PDS	Program Delivery Staff	
SCA	Standard Contribution Agreement	

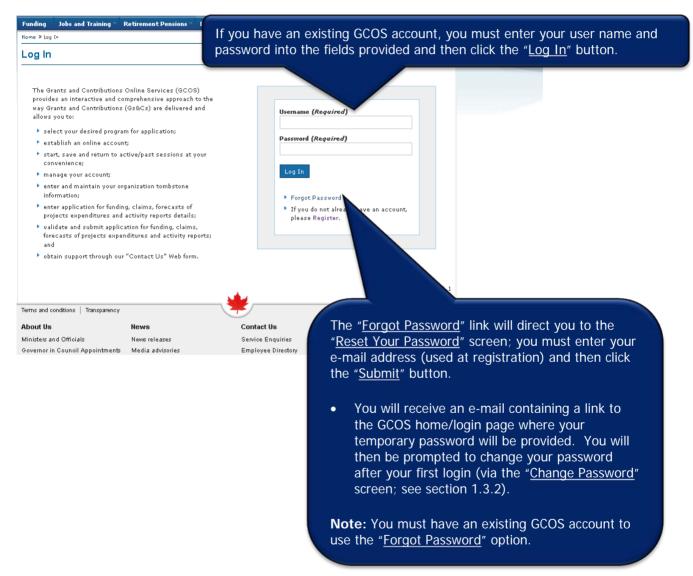
NEXT STEP: SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT

1. MODULE 1: ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

The account management module allows funding applicants and recipients to manage their accounts (on behalf of an organization).

1.1 Home Page / Log IN

The GCOS home page/log in screen provides funding applicants and recipients with general information about the GCOS and is a pathway to register and/or log into the system.



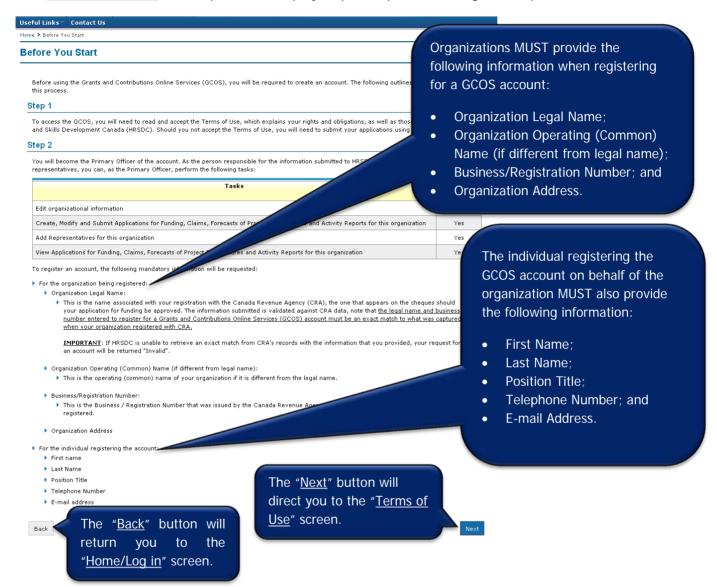
1.2 CREATING YOUR GCOS ACCOUNT

From the main "Log In" screen, you must click the "Register" link located below the "Log In" button.



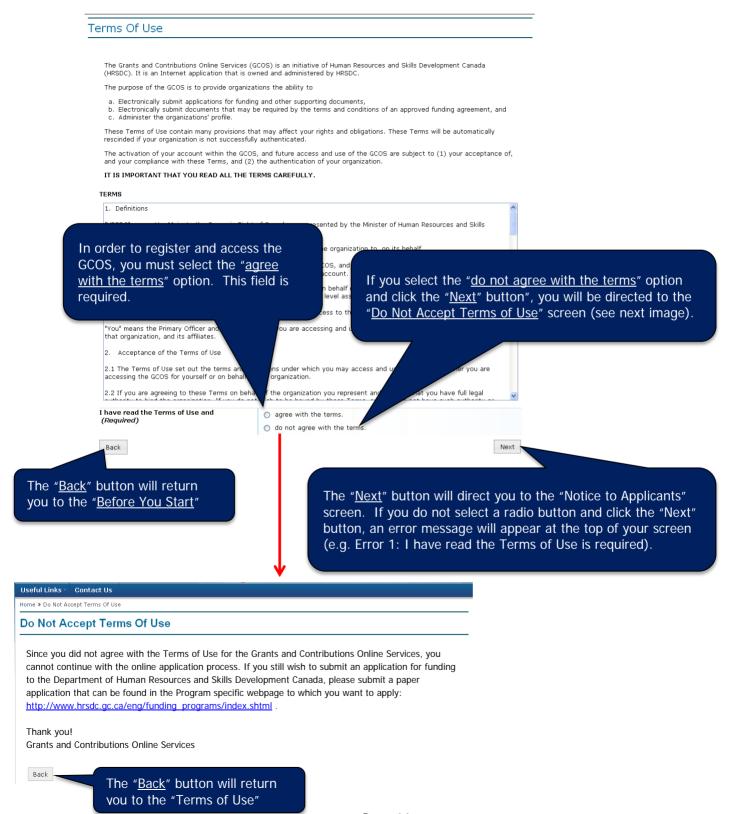
1.2.1 BEFORE YOU START

The "Before You Start" screen provides a step-by-step description of the registration process.



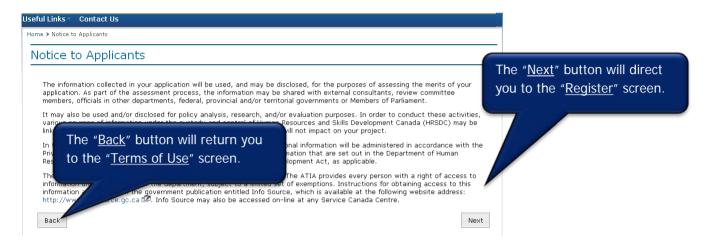
1.2.2 TERMS OF USE

The "<u>Terms of Use</u>" screen details the legal obligations/responsibilities for both ESDC and funding applicants and recipients. It is important to read all the terms carefully.



1.2.3 NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

The "Notice to Applicants" screen details how the information entered by funding applicants will be used by ESDC. It also indicates that the application is subject to the Access to Information Act (ATIA).



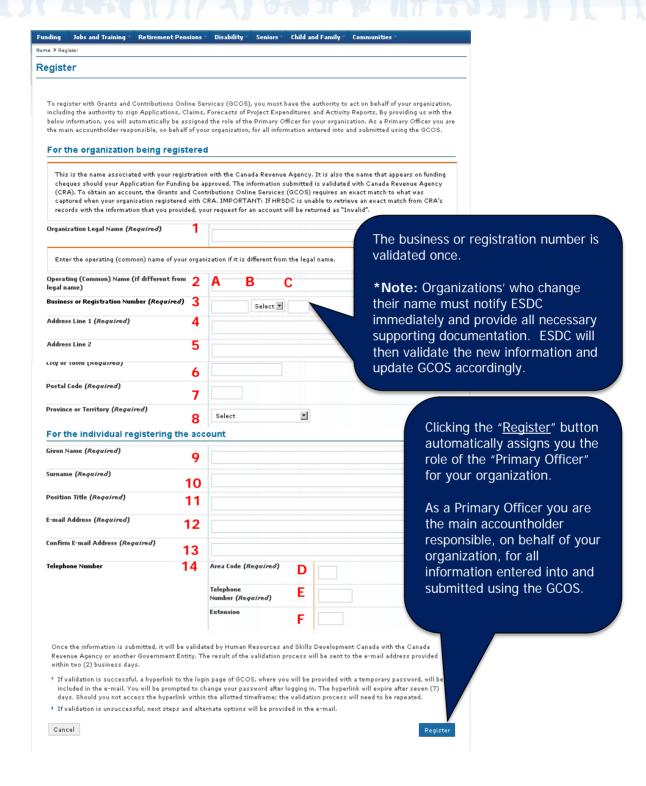
1.2.4 REGISTER

The person who is registering for a GCOS account must have the authority to act on behalf of their organization, including the authority to sign applications for funding, claims, FPEs and activity reports. They will automatically be assigned the role of the Primary Officer for the organization. As a Primary Officer they will be the main accountholder responsible, on behalf of the organization, for all information entered into and submitted using the GCOS.

On the "<u>Register</u>" screen, funding applicants must enter the following information (*required field). The numbers and letters in this table correspond to the following screen shot:

#	Field	Description
1	Organization Legal Name*	The legal name of the organization requesting the GCOS account. This is usually the name associated to the organization's Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) registration and will be used for manual validation.
2	Organization Operating (Common) Name (if different from legal name)	The operating (common) name of the organization can be different from the legal name and must be specified in this field. If the operating (common name of your organization) is the same as the legal name, copy and paste the legal name into this field.
3	Business or Registration Number*	The 15-digit CRA number uniquely identifies the federally registered organization or the registration number for registered charities and not-for profit. A. 9-digit business number B. 2-letter Program Account Identifier: RT (GST/HST), RP (payroll), RC (corporate income tax), RM (import/export), RR (registered charity), RD (excise duty), RE (excise tax), RN (insurance premium tax), RG (air travellers security charge) and RZ (information returns)

#	Field	Description
		C. 4-digit program account number
4	Address 1*	The street address of the organizations physical address.
5	Address Line 2	
6	City/Town*	The city/town of the organizations physical address.
7	Postal Code*	The postal code portion of the organizations physical address.
8	Province/Territory*	The province/territory of the organizations physical address.
9	Given Name*	The first name of the individual registering for the GCOS account. This person is the main account holder (Primary Officer), acting on behalf of their organization and they are responsible for all information entered into and submitted using the GCOS.
10	Surname*	The last name of the individual registering for the GCOS account (on behalf of the organization).
11	Position Title*	The position title of the individual registering for the GCOS account (on behalf of the organization).
12	E-mail Address*	The e-mail address where the individual registering for the GCOS account (on behalf of the organization)can be reached; this address will be the Primary Officer's username.
13	Confirm E-mail Address*	This e-mail address must match the address entered in the preceding box.
14	Telephone Number*	 D. Area code* (the main account holder's 3-digit area code) E. Telephone number* (the main account holder's 7-digit phone number; e.g. 456-7890) F. Extension (extension of the main account holder's telephone number)



1.2.4.1 Account Validation

Once your information has been submitted, ESDC will validate it. **The result of the validation process will be sent to your e-mail address within two (2) business days**. If you do not receive a response from ESDC, you must contact: MA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.qc.ca.

Your confirmation e-mail will contain the following information:

Attention:

The information you have provided has been submitted to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (ESDC) for validation. You will receive the result of the validation process by e-mail within two (2) business days.

If you do not receive a response from ESDC, please contact: <u>NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca</u>

Thank you!

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<u>Successful Validation</u>: If the account validation is successful, you will receive an e-mail with the hyperlink to the GCOS Home/Log in page (see section 1.1) and a temporary password (which will need to be changed after login) will be provided. The hyperlink will expire after seven (7) calendar days. If you do not access the hyperlink within the allotted timeframe, the validation process will need to be repeated. Your successful validation e-mail will contain the following information:

Attention:

Thank you for creating an account with the GCOS!

Your information has been validated. By clicking on the link below, you will be directed to the GCOS login page where a temporary password will be provided. You will be prompted to change your password after your first login to access the system.

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Please note that you must change your password within 7 calendar days of receipt of this e-mail. If not done within the timeline, you will be required to start the process over.

Thank you!

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<u>Unsuccessful Validation</u>: If the account validation is unsuccessful, next steps and alternate options will be provided in the following e-mail:

Attention:

We regret to inform you that Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (ESDC) was unable to validate the information you provided.

You may re-submit the information to start the process over. You will be required to register again to access the GCOS or download the paper application.

Should you have any questions or concerns with this process, please contact:

NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca

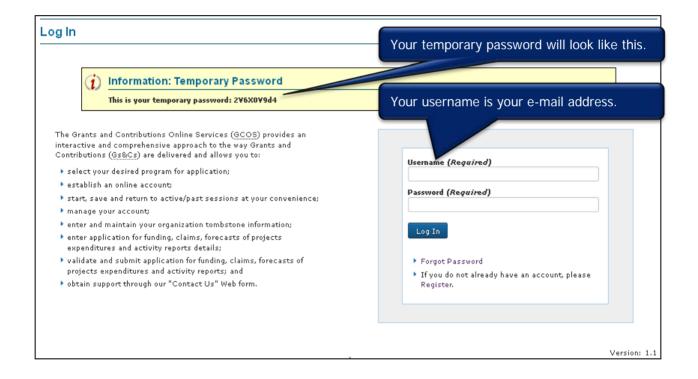
Thank you!

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1.2.5 CHANGING PASSWORD

Upon clicking the hyperlink provided in the successful validation e-mail (as mentioned above), the user will be directed to the "Log In" screen where a temporary password will be provided. After a successful log in, the user will be directed to the "Change Password" screen



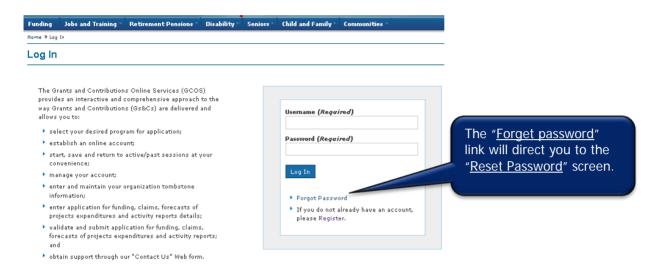
Passwords must meet the following requirements:

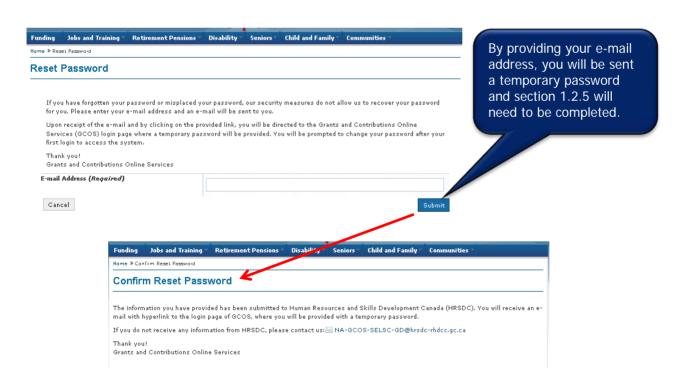
- be at least eight (8) characters in length;
- contain at least one (1) uppercase character (A-Z);
- contain at least one (1) lowercase character (a-z);
- contain at least one (1) numeric character (0-9); and
- contain at least one (1) special character (e.g. #@%^&*!)



1.2.6 FORGET PASSWORD

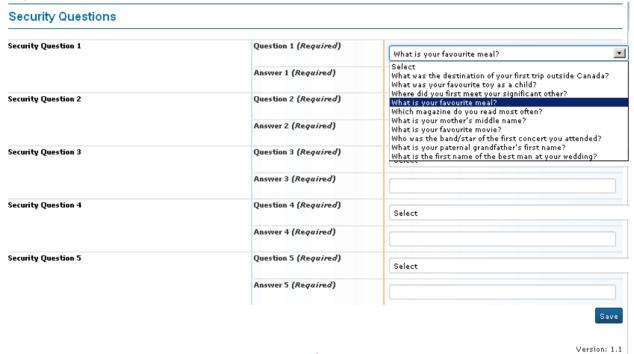
If at any time after you forget your password, you can obtain a temporary password by using the forget password functionality.





1.2.7 SECURITY QUESTION

The system will display a series of five security questions that must be completed by each representative when they create their account.



NEXT STEP: ENTER YOUR ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION.

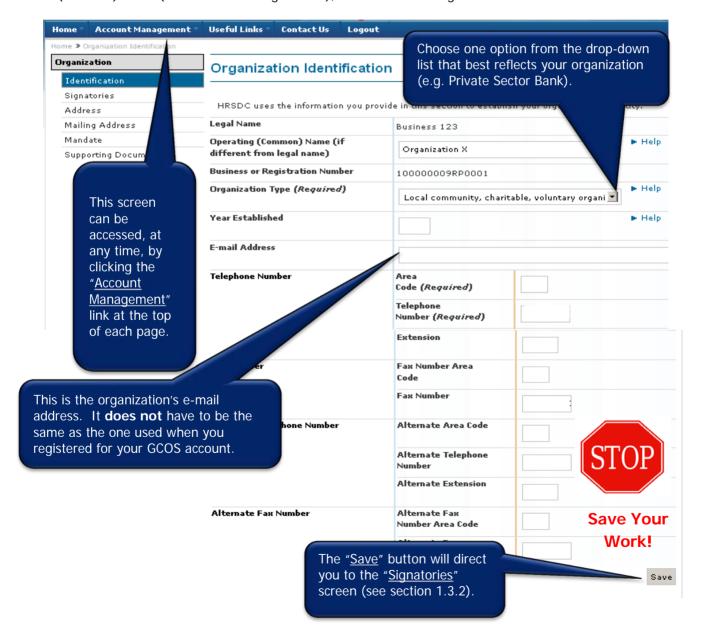
1.3 ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The first time accessing the account, funding applicants **must** complete the following screens before they can create an Application for Funding:

In future logins, organizations can skip these screens unless they wish to edit the information.

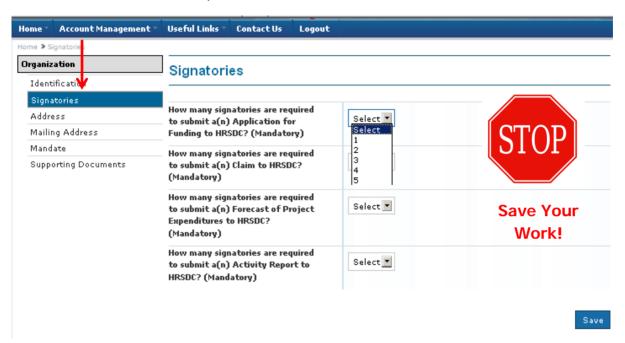
1.3.1 ORGANIZATION IDENTIFICATION

The "<u>Organization Identification</u>" screen is pre-populated with the organizations' legal name, operating (common) name (if different from legal name), and business or registration number.



1.3.2 SIGNATORIES

The "<u>Signatories</u>" screen is used to identify the number of signatories required to submit an application for funding, a claim, an FPE and an Activity Report. It can be accessed through the "<u>Account Management</u>" link in the top navigation bar. The number of signatories identified on this screen will need to reflect what will be identified on the Signing Officers Form that will completed at the signing of an Agreement with ESDC. The information on this screen will impact the submission of items to ESDC.

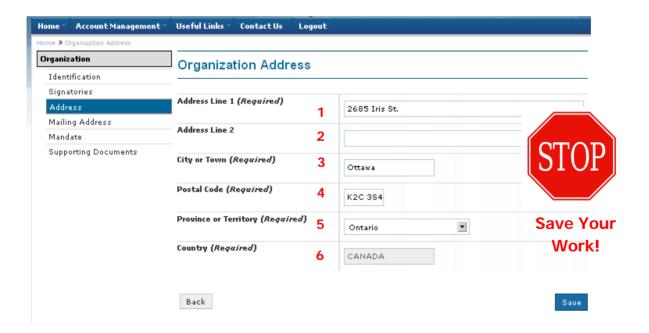


1.3.3 ORGANIZATION ADDRESS

The "<u>Organization Address</u>" screen is used to capture information on the organizations physical locations (for some organizations, the physical address is different from its mailing address). The Primary Officer must review the information below the first time he accesses the account as it is populated with the information submitted when creating the account (*required field). The organization address can be updated at any time, however the address included in applications and projects already submitted to the Department will not be updated. You MUST contact your program delivery staff to provide the updated organization address.

The numbers and letters in this table correspond to the following screen shot:

#	Field	Description
1	Address 1*	The street address of the organizations physical address.
2	Address Line 2	
3	City/Town*	The city/town of the organizations physical address.
4	Postal Code*	The postal code portion of the organizations physical address.
5	Province/Territory*	The province/territory of the organizations physical address.
6	Country* (read-only)	The country where the organizations is physically located (default is Canada).

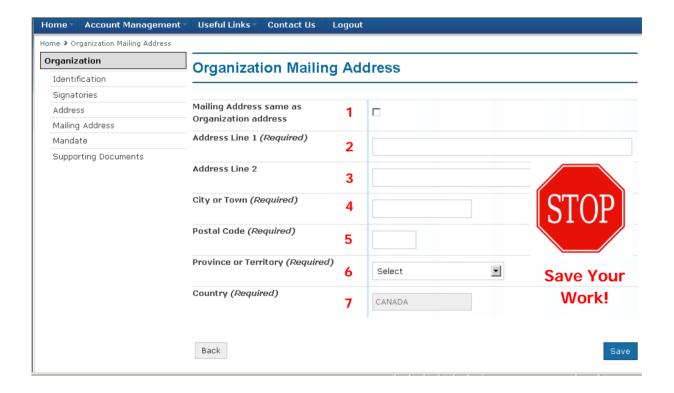


1.3.4 ORGANIZATION MAILING ADDRESS

• The "Organization Mailing Address" screen is used to capture information on the organizations mailing address if it is different from its physical address. The Primary Officer must enter the information below. Multiple mailing addresses can be captured on this screen. The organization mailing address can be updated at any time, however the mailing address included in applications and projects already submitted to the Department will not be updated. You MUST contact your program delivery staff to provide the updated organization address.

The numbers and letters in this table correspond to the following screen shot.

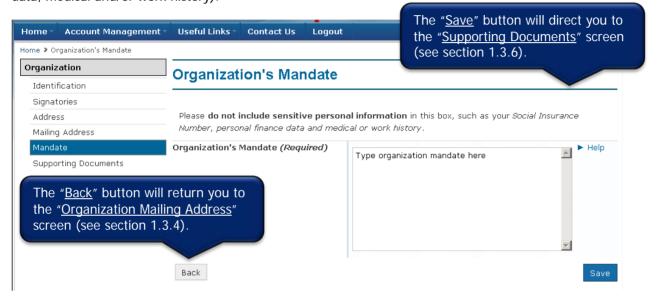
#	Field	Description
1	Is the Mailing Address the same as Organization address?	When selecting yes, all the fields will be pre-populated based on the information captured in the "Organization Address" screen
2	Address Line 1	The street address of the organization's mailing address.
3	Address Line 2	
4	City/Town	The city/town where the organization's mailing address is.
5	Postal Code	The postal code portion of the organization's mailing address.
6	Province/Territory	The province/territory of the organization's mailing address.
7	Country	The country of the organization's mailing address (default is Canada).



1.3.5 ORGANIZATION'S MANDATE

The "Organization's Mandate" screen is used to specify the organization's mandate.

Note: Sensitive personal information must not be entered in this box (e.g. Social Insurance Number, finance data, medical and/or work history).



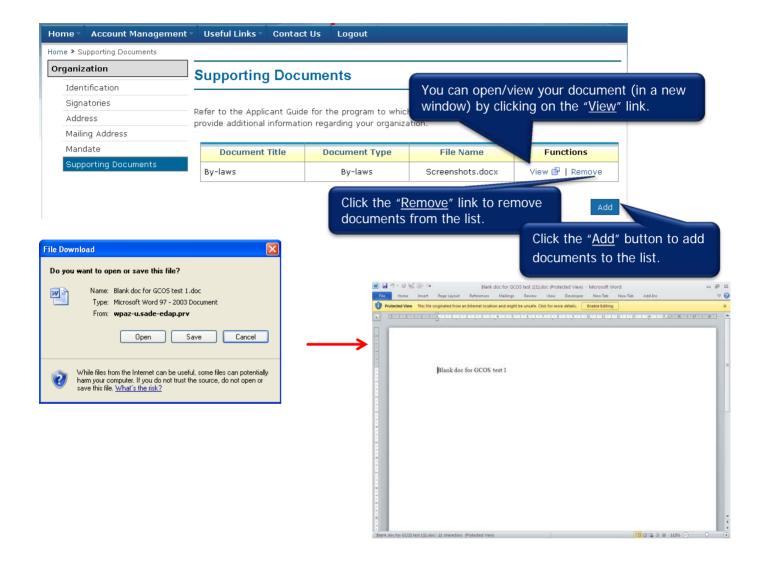
1.3.6 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The "Supporting Documents" screen allows organization representatives to add files that support the organization's application.

Note: Please refer to the program specific Applicant Guide as it may provide additional information regarding



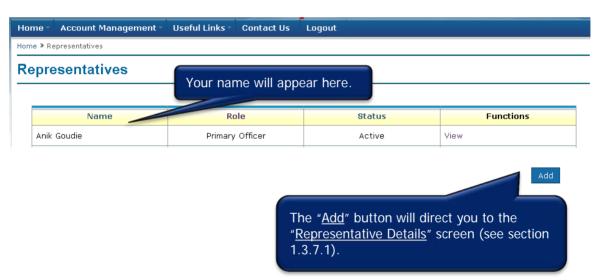




1.3.7 REPRESENTATIVES

The "<u>Representatives</u>" screen, which can be accessed from the "<u>Account Management</u>" link in the top navigation bar, displays all registered Representatives for an organization and their current status as an organization representative.





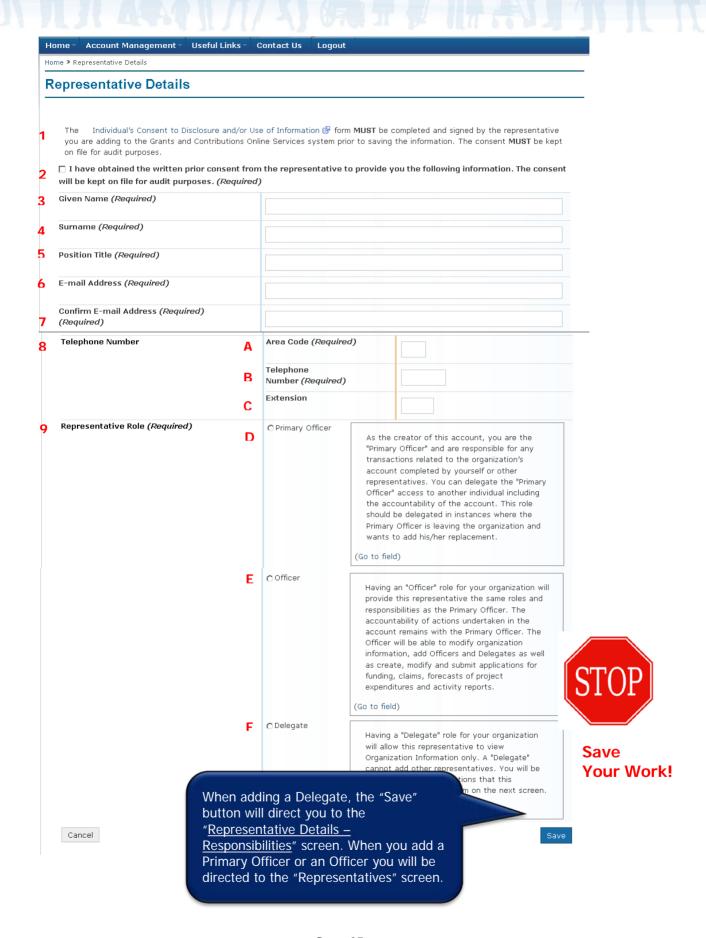
1.3.7.1 ADD REPRESENTATIVES

When a Representative is added, the " $\frac{\textbf{Representative Details}}{\textbf{Permission}}$ " screen will require the following information to be provided (*required field)...

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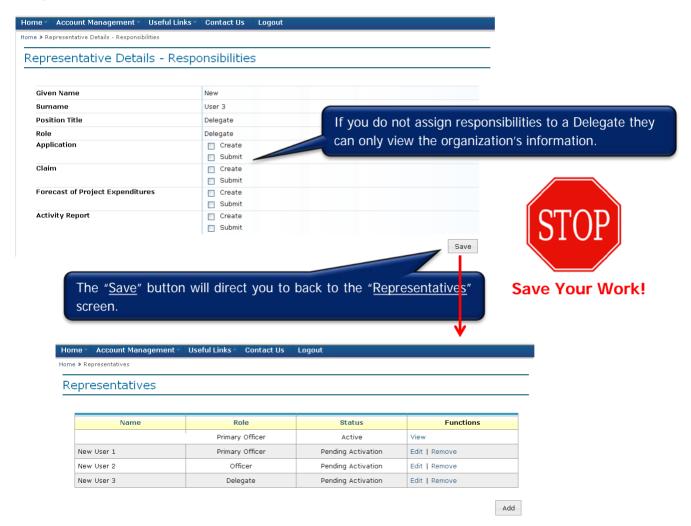
#	Field	Description
1	Individual's Consent to Disclosure and/or Use of Information (http://wpaz-u.sade-edap.prv/GCOS-SELSC/OSR/Content/Files/EMP5545-en-CA.pdf)	This form MUST be completed and signed by the representative you are adding to the GCOS system prior to saving the information. The consent MUST be kept on file for audit purposes.
2	"I have obtained the written prior consent from the representative to provide you the following information. The consent will be kept on file for audit purposes." *	This checkbox MUST be checked in order to successfully add a Representative.
3	Given Name *	The first name of the Representative.
4	Surname*	The last name of the Representative.
5	Position Title*	The position title of the Representative.
6	E-mail address*	The e-mail address where the Representative can be reached; this address will be the Representative's username.
7	Confirm email address*	Re-enter the email address where the Representative can be reached; this address will be the Representative's username.
8	Telephone Number*	 A. Area code* (the Representative's 3-digit area code) B. Telephone number* (the Representative's 7-digit main phone number; e.g. 456-7890) C. Extension (extension of the Representative's telephone number)
9	Representative Role*	You must first assign a role (see letters A, B or C) to the representative within the Account Management module and for Delegates, you will then assign them responsibilities related to the project(s). D. Primary Officer: The "Primary Officer" is responsible for any transactions related to the organization's account. The "Primary Officer" can be delegated to another individual including the accountability of the account. This role should be delegated in instances where the Primary Officer is leaving the organization and wants to add his/her replacement. • Add another Primary Officer, Officer or Delegate • Modify organization information • Create and submit Application for Funding, Claim, FPE and Activity Report.

#	Field	Description
		 E. Officer: The "Officer" role will provide this representative the same roles and responsibilities as the Primary Officer. The accountability of actions undertaken in the account remains with the Primary Officer. Add Officer or Delegate Modify organization information Create and submit Application for Funding, Claim, FPE and Activity Report.
		 F. <u>Delegate:</u> View the organization's information View Representatives of the account Create and/or submit Application for Funding, Claim, FPE and/or Activity Report.



1.3.7.2 Assigning Responsibilities to Delegates

Primary Officers' and Officers' can assign representative responsibilities via the "Representative Details – Responsibilities" screen.



Assigned representatives will receive an e-mail outlining their role. The example below displays what information will contain the e-mail:

Attention: NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE

You have been registered as an Officer to the Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) by NAME OF PRIMARY OFFICER from NAME OF ORGANIZATION.

By clicking on the link below, you will be directed to the GCOS login page to enter your username (your username is the <u>e-mail address used to receive this notification</u>) * and temporary password, which will be available on the login page. You will be prompted to change your temporary password after your first login to access the system.

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Please note that you have 7 calendar days from receipt of this e-mail to login in. Should you not access the hyperlink within the allotted timeframe, the registration process will need to be repeated.

Visit the Account Management tab (at the top of the GCOS main page) to review your access level and rights at the end.

Thank you!

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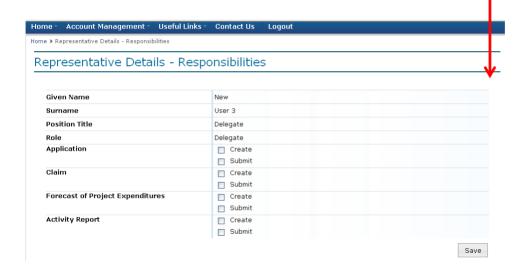
1.3.7.3 VIEWING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities assigned to a representative can be viewed by using the View hyperlink on the "**Representative**" screen which will direct to the "**Representative Details**" screen where responsibilities assigned to that selected user will be displayed.

Click on the View hyperlink to see the responsibilities assigned to a representative.

Representatives

Name	<u>Role</u>	Stat	Function
Name of Primary Officer	Primary Officer	Active	Edit Remove View
Name of Officer	Officer	Pending Activation	Edit Remove View
Name of Delegate	Delegate	De-activated	View



NEXT STEP: CREATE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

2. Module 2: Application and Projects

2.1 **W**ELCOME

Once the Primary Officer has successfully entered all necessary information into GCOS (pertaining to their organization) they are directed to the "Welcome" screen where they can perform the following actions:

- View List of Applications and Projects;
- Add an Application for Funding;
- Add a Claim:
- Add a Forecast of Project Expenditure; and
- Add an Activity Report.
- . This screen can be accessed from the

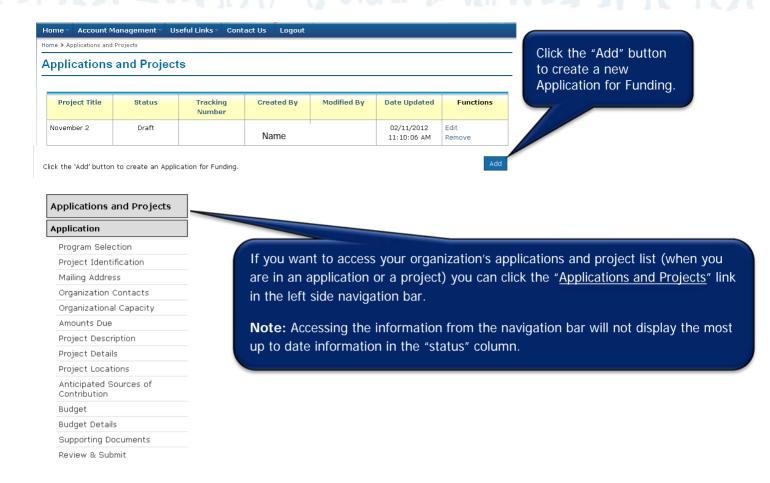


complete list of their organization's applications/projects. This link will direct you to the "Applications and Projects" screen (see section 2.2).

2.2 APPLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

The "<u>Applications and Projects</u>" screen displays a complete list of an organization's applications and projects by project title, status, tracking number, modified by, dated updated and functions.

#	Label	Description		
1	Project Title	This is the project title used when the application was initially submitted.		
2	Status	 Praft: development of the application is in progress; Pending Signatories: the application requires one or more signatories to complete the Declaration to be submitted to ESDC; Submitted: the application was successfully submitted to ESDC; Submission failed: the application must be re-submitted; Withdrawn: the application has been withdrawn; Pending Re-Submission: the application requires modifications or further details. An ESDC representative will contact you regarding the information required. It will need to be re-submitted to ESDC to be assessed; Under Assessment: the application is being assessed; Active: the application is approved. Project management items can be submitted; Rejected: the application was rejected by ESDC; and Closed: the project is no longer active. 		
3	Tracking Number	The tracking number of the application.		
4	Created By:	The name of the representative who created the application.		
5	Modified By:	The name of the representative who last modified the application.		
6	Date Updated	The date the application was last modified.		
7	Functions	Depending on the status, the functions available are view, edit, manage, action, remove or withdraw.		



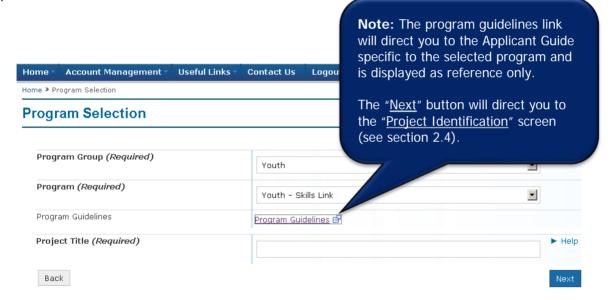
2.3 PROGRAM SELECTION

The "Program Selection" screen is the first in a series of screens used to complete the Application for Funding process.



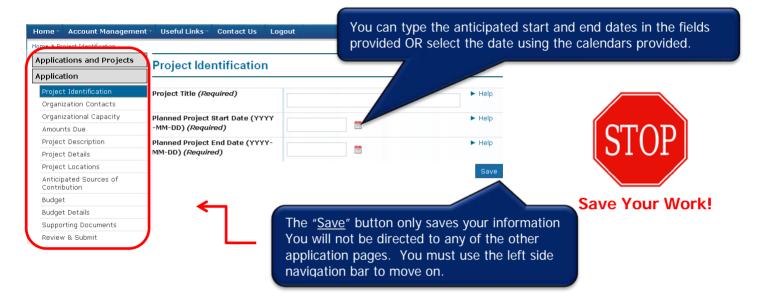


Once you have selected a program, a link to the specific Applicant Guide will be displayed and will open in a separate window for reference.



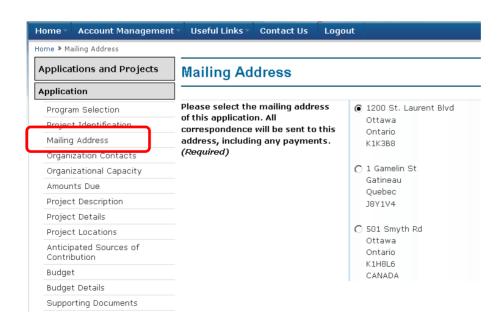
2.4 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

The "<u>Project Identification</u>" screen is the first in a series of screens where the representative enters further project information for the program for which they are completing the Application for Funding.



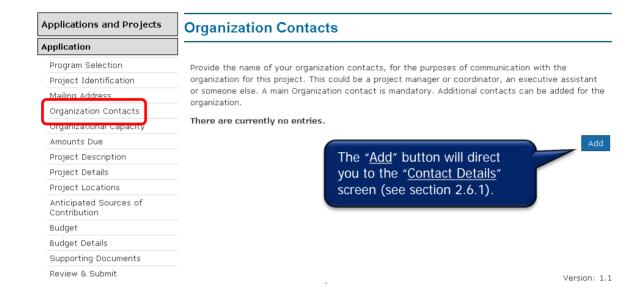
2.5 MAILING ADDRESS

The "Mailing Address" screen is used to select the mailing address specific to the Application for Funding. All correspondence (including payments) will be sent to this address. All mailing addressed entered in the "Account Management" section will be displayed. Representatives will be required to select which mailing address to use for the application. Mailing addresses can be added in the "Account Management" section.



2.6 ORGANIZATION CONTACTS

The "Organization Contacts" screen is used to add all organization contacts for a specific application, along with some general information about the contact.



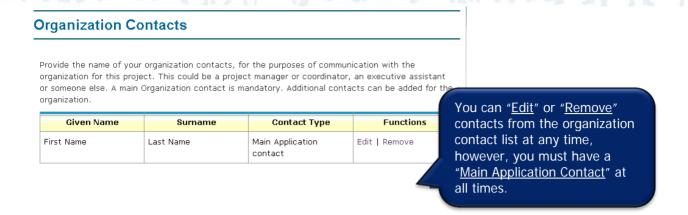
2.6.1 CONTACT DETAILS

When an organization contact is added (on the "Contact Details" screen) the following information must be entered (*required field).

#	Field	Description	
1.	Given Name*	The first name of the person.	
2.	Surname*	The last name of the person.	
3.	Position Title	The contact's title within the organization	
4.	Contact Type*	<u>Drop down</u> : You MUST identify one Main Application contact. Additional Contacts can be added (e.g. agreement signing authority, project activity contact).	
5.	Preferred Language of Communication – Written*	The organization contact's preferred language for written communications A. English B. French	
6.	Preferred Language of Communication – Spoken*	The organization contact's preferred language for spoken communications C. English D. French	
7.	Contact Address*	 Indicates whether or not the organization contact's address is the same as the organization's address: Select the organization's contact's address from the drop-down list or add a different one. When you select one from the list, the address fields will populate automatically. You will only need to complete the telephone number fields. 	
8.	Address Line 1*	The street address portion of the organization contact's address.	
9.	Address Line 2		
10.	City/Town*	The city/town portion of the organization contact's mailing address.	
11.	Province/Territory*	The province/territory portion of the organization contact's address.	
12.	Postal code*	The postal code portion of the organization contact's address.	
13.	Country	Default is Canada.	
14.	Telephone Number*	The organization contact's telephone area code. The organization contact's telephone number where they can be reached. The organization contact's telephone extension number, if one exists, where	

#	Field	Description
		they can be reached.
		The organization contact's fax number.
15.	Fax Number	Fax number area code Fax Number.
16.	E-mail Address	The e-mail address of the organization's contact.

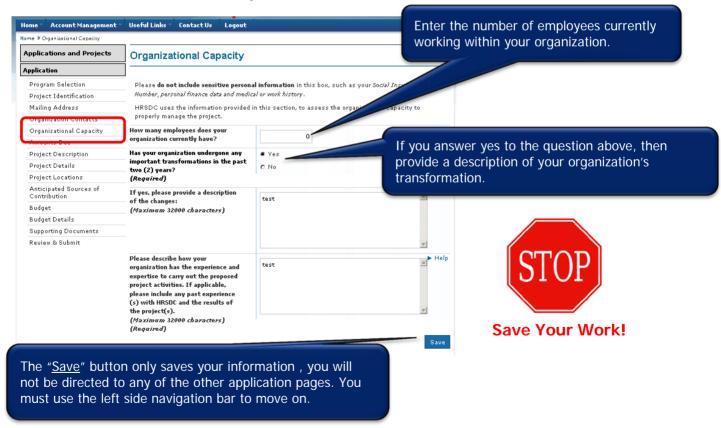




2.7 ORGANIZATION CAPACITY

The "Organization Capacity" screen is used to enter details relevant to the organization's capacity to properly manage the projects for which they are requesting funding (based on the organization's profile).

Note: Sensitive personal information must not be entered in this box (e.g. Social Insurance Number, personal finance data, medical and/or work history).



2.8 AMOUNTS DUE

The "<u>Amounts Due</u>" screen is used to enter amounts that an organization owes to the Government of Canada (GoC). From this screen, you declare your organization's amounts owing to the GoC.



2.8.1 ADDING AN AMOUNT DUE (AMOUNTS DUE DETAILS)

If an organization owes any amounts that are in default or in arrears to the GoC, the value for each amount owing in the "Amounts Due Details" screen must be added.



2.9 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The "Project Description" screen is used to enter details regarding the project for which you are requesting funding. This information is used to assess the project's quality and funding eligibility. Review the program specific Applicant Guide for additional information that may be required.



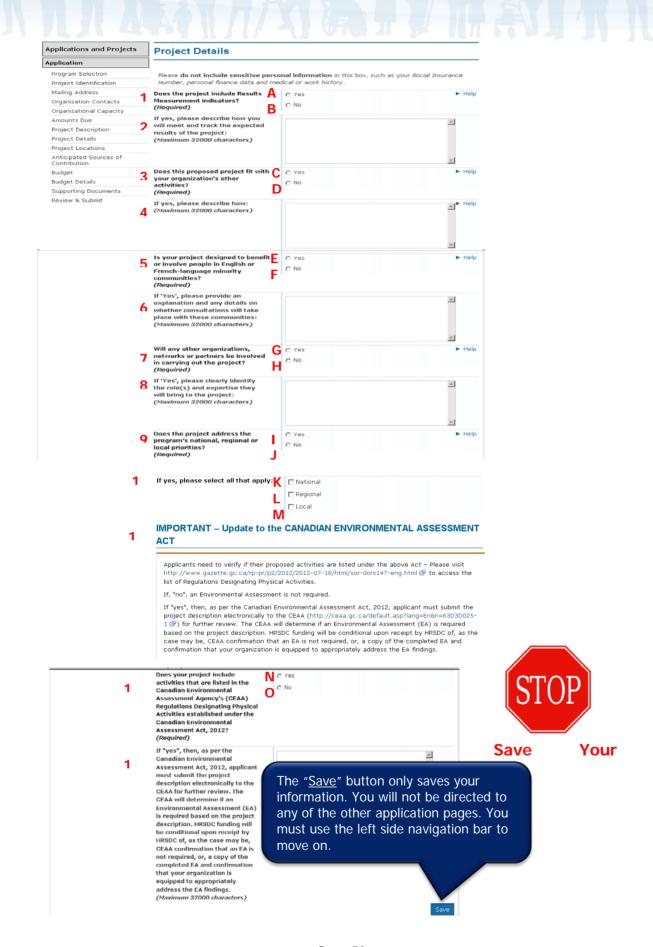
2.10 PROJECT DETAILS

The "Project Details" screen allows the representative to provide further details on the project's activities and location (*required field).

#	Field	Description
1.	Does the project include Results Measurement indicators?*	A. Yes B. No
2.	Does the project include Results Measurement indicators?	A description of how the organization plans to meet and track the expected results of the project.

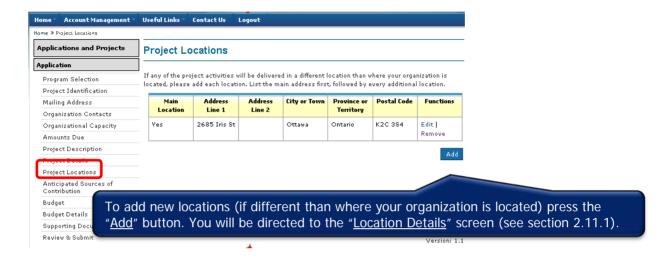
#	Field	Description		
3.	Does this proposed project fit with your organization's other activities? *	C. Yes D. No		
4.	If yes, please describe how.	A description of how the project fits with other organizational activities.		
5.	Is your project designed to benefit or involve people in English or French-language minority communities? *	E. Yes F. No		
6.	If 'Yes', please provide an explanation and any details on whether consultations will take place with these communities.	Description of how the project is tailored to benefit or involve persons from both English and French communities.		
7.	Will any other organizations, networks or partners be involved in carrying out the project? *	G. Yes H. No		
8.	If 'Yes', please clearly identify the role(s) and expertise they will bring to the project.	Description of how other organizations, networks, individuals, or partners are involved in carrying out the project.		
9.	Does the project address the program's national, regional or local priorities?*	I. Yes J. No		
10.	If Yes, select all that apply:	K. National L. Regional M. Local		
11	Applicants need to verify if their proposed activities are listed under the above Act – Please v http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2012/2012-07-18/html/sor-dors147-eng.html to access the list of Regulation Designating Physical Activities. If "no", an Environmental Assessment is not required. If "yes", then, as per the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, applicant must submit to project description electronically to the CEAA (http://ceaa.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=63D3D025-1) for further review. The CEAA will determine if an Environmental Assessment (EA) is required based on the project description. ESDC funding will be conditional upon receipt by ESDC of, as the case may be, CE confirmation that an EA is not required, or, a copy of the completed EA and confirmation that your organization is equipped to appropriately address the EA findings.			
12.	Does your project include activities that are listed in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA) Regulations Designating Physical Activities established under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012?*	N. Yes O. No		

#	Field Description
13.	If "yes", then, as per the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, applicant must submit the project description electronically to the CEAA for further review. The CEAA will determine if an Environmental Assessment (EA) is required based on the project description. ESDC funding will be conditional upon receipt by ESDC of, as the case may be, CEAA confirmation that an EA is not required, or, a copy of the completed EA and confirmation that your organization is equipped to appropriately address the EA findings.



2.11 Project Locations

The "Project Locations" screen allows you to list all locations where the project's activities will occur, if the locations are different than yours.



2.11.1 LOCATION DETAILS



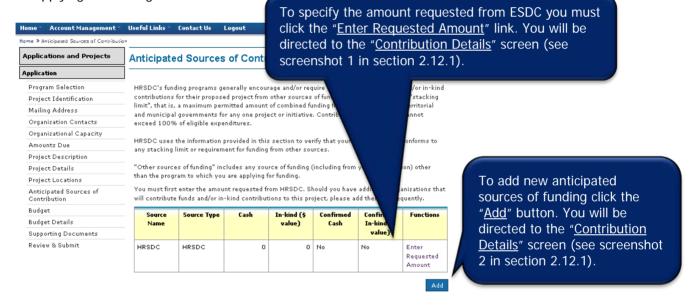
2.12 Anticipated Sources of Funding

The "Anticipated Sources of Funding" screen allows you to provide details on how the project will be funded.

Note: ESDC's funding Programs generally encourage and/or require funding applicants to seek cash and/or inkind contributions to their proposed project from other sources of funding. Each program has a "stacking limit", that is, a maximum permitted amount of combined funding from federal, provincial, territorial and municipal governments for any one project or initiative. Contributions to the project cannot exceed 100% of eligible expenditures.

ESDC will use the information provided in this section to verify that the funding request conforms to any stacking limit or requirement for funding from other sources.

"Other sources of funding" includes any source of funding (including your organization) other than the program to which is applying for funding.

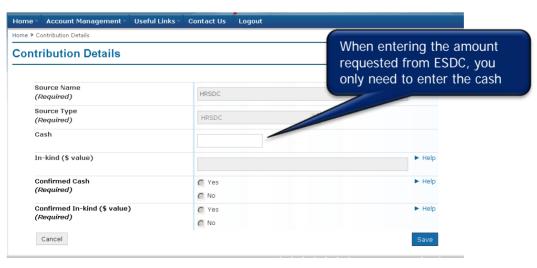


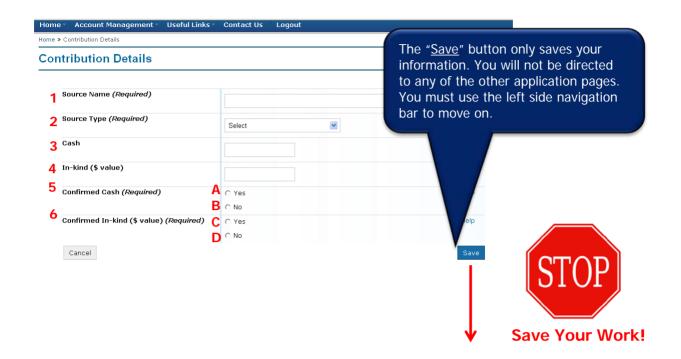
2.12.1 CONTRIBUTION DETAILS

The "Contribution Details" screen allows you to add or edit the following details regarding the organizations' anticipated sources of funding (*required field).

#	Field	Description
1.	Source Name*	When entering an amount for ESDC, this field will be read only and populated with ESDC.
		The name of the entity providing funding for the project.

#	Field	Description	
2.	Source Type*	When entering an amount for ESDC, this field will be read only and populated with ESDC. Drop Down List: The sector type of an entity providing funding for the project.	
3.	Cash	The amount of cash-funding that an entity will be providing for the project.	
4.	In-Kind (\$ Value)	When entering an amount for ESDC, this field will be read only. The amount of in-kind funding that a contributor will be providing for the project. In-kind contributions are non-monetary goods or services that may be contributed to the project by your organization or other organizations or partners for which your organization will not be requesting re-imbursement. In-kind support may include donated equipment, services or facilities necessary for the proposed project that would otherwise have to be purchased. To be considered valid, in-kind contributions should contribute to the success of the project and estimated at fair market value.	
5.	Confirmed Cash	When entering an amount for ESDC, this field will be read only and populated with No. A. Yes B. No Cash contributions should be committed to in writing by the contributing party.	
6.	Confirmed In-Kind (\$ Value)	When entering an amount for ESDC, this field will be read only and populated with No. C. Yes D. No In-kind contributions should be committed to in writing by the contributing party.	





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HRSDC uses the information provided in this section to verify that your funding request conforms to any stacking limit or requirement for funding from other sources.

"Other sources of funding" includes any source of funding (including from your organization) other than the program to which you are applying for funding.

You must first enter the amount requested from HRSDC. Should you have additional organizations that will contribute funds and/or in-kind contributions to this project, please add them subsequently.

Source Name	Source Type	Cash	In-kind (\$ value)	Confirmed Cash	Confirmed In-kind (\$ value)	Functions
HRSDC	HRSDC	50,000	0	No	No	Edit
Organization	Sponsor / Organization / Recipient	500	1,000	Yes	No	Edit Remove

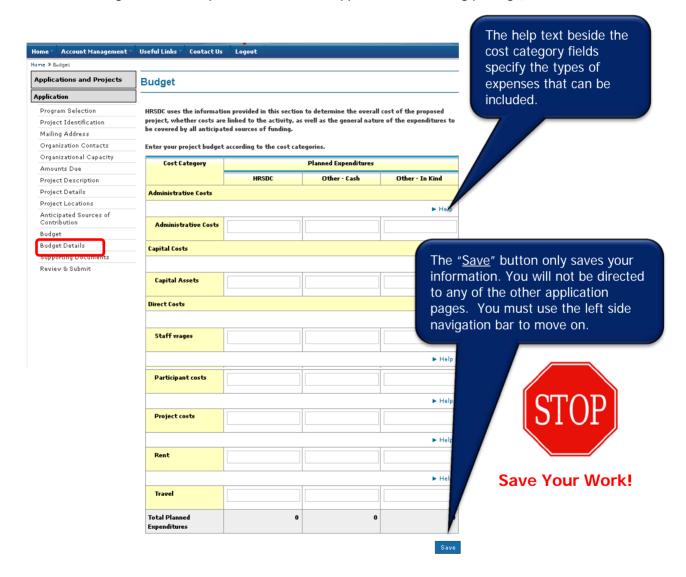
You can "Edit" or "Remove" anticipated sources of contribution funding at any time before your application is submitted to ESDC.

2.13 BUDGET (PLANNED EXPENDITURES)

The "<u>Budget</u>" screen allows you to provide a detailed list of planned expenditures, broken down by expenditure category/sub-category and funding source.

ESDC uses the information provided in this screen to determine the overall cost of the proposed project, whether costs are linked to the activity, as well as the general nature of the expenditures to be covered by all anticipated sources of funding.

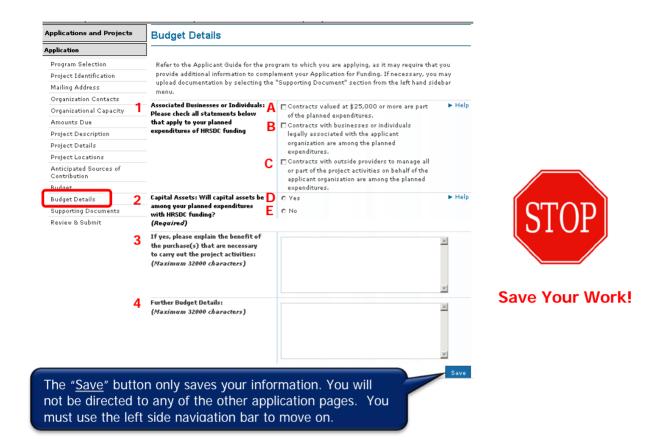
You must enter the project budget according to the cost categories; see the cost-category lexicon for more details on the cost categories; this is a part of the Standard Application for Funding package).



2.14 BUDGET DETAILS

The " $\underline{\textbf{Budget Details}}$ " screen allows you to specify details on possible contract values and planned capital assets expenditures for the project.

#	Field	Description	
		Indicate all statements that apply to your planned expenditures of ESDC funding.	
1.	Associated Businesses or Individuals: Please check all statements that apply to your planned expenditures of ESDC funding.	 A. Contracts valued at \$25,000 or more are part of the planned expenditures. B. Contracts with businesses or individuals legally associated with the applicant organization are among the planned expenditures. C. Contracts with outside providers to manage all or part of the project activities on behalf of the applicant organization are among the planned expenditures. 	
		Note: For more information on this field click the "Help" link on the right side of the page.	
	Capital Assets: Will capital	Indicates whether or not the organization has identified the purchase of capital assets among its planned expenditures with ESDC funding.	
2.	assets be among your planned expenditures with ESDC funding?	D. Yes E. No	
		Note: For more information on this field click the "Help" link on the right side of the page.	
3.	If yes, please explain the benefit of the purchase(s) that are necessary to carry out the project activities	Description of the benefit of the purchase(s) that are necessary to carry out the project activities, if the purchase of capital assets is needed.	
4.	Further Budget Details: (Maximum 32000 characters)	Additional details (if applicable).	



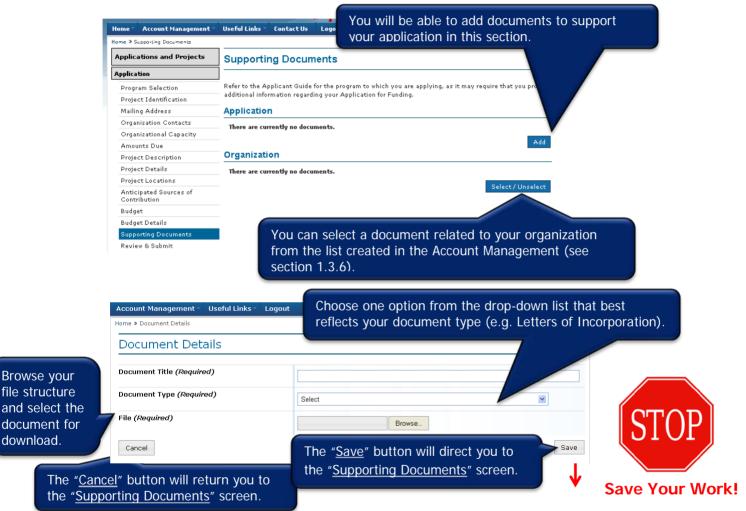
Note: You will be required to summarize your project budget according to the Budget Detail Template. This template is an annex available in your program-specific Applicant Guide.

- The Budget Detail Template, which corresponds to the new cost category structure and lexicon, has been developed to support the Standard Application for Funding and will ensure a consistent approach to the collection of budget information during your application process.
- To ensure consistency across programs, the Budget Detail Template replaces existing versions of Budget Negotiation Notes.

2.15 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The "<u>Supporting Documents</u>" screen is used to view, add and manage files uploaded as supporting documentation for the Standard Application for Funding.

- All files are stored in the format in which they are uploaded.
- All file types are accepted.
- All files uploaded in the GCOS are scanned by an anti-virus application before being submitted to ESDC.
- If a file contains a virus, it will not be submitted to ESDC.



2.15.1 ADDING A SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR THE

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2.15.2 ADDING A SUPPORTING DOCUMENT FOR THE ORGANIZATION

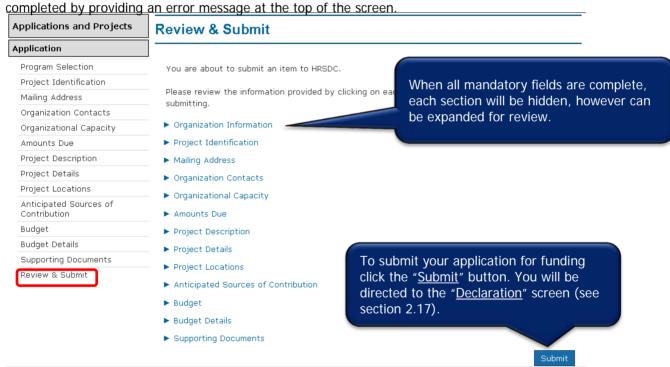
You must select which document (s) you want to attach to the application.



2.16 REVIEW & SUBMIT

The "Review & Submit" screen is a full summary of all the information entered into the application. It allows the Funding applicant to review and, if necessary, edit information. It also indicates if a mandatory field is not

the "Supporting Documents" screen.



2.17 DECLARATION

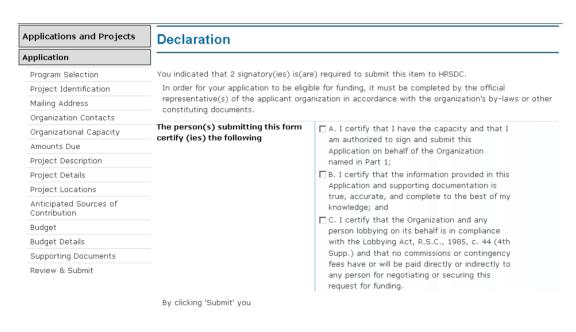
In order for an application to be eligible for funding, it must be completed by the official representative(s) of your organization in accordance with the organization's by-laws or other constituting documents. The first paragraph displays how many signatures are required to submit an application for funding. The number indicated is related to the information provided in the Signatories page (see section 1.3.2).

2.17.1 ONE SIGNATORY

When only one signatory has been identified, you will need to complete the declaration and by clicking the "Submit" button you acknowledge that you have read the declarations and are in agreement with their content and you are "signing" the application form that will be submitted to ESDC. Once the information has been successfully submitted, a confirmation message will be displayed (see section 2.19)

2.17.2 MULTIPLE SIGNATORY

When 2 or more signatories are identified as being required to submit an application for funding to the Department, the first user will need to complete the declaration page. Prior to clicking on the "Submit" button, they will be provided with a table of the representative that have been delegated the right to submit applications for funding. They will have the option the either advise them or not by email.



- acknowledge having read the above declarations and being in agreement with their content.
- are hereby signing the application form that will be submitted to HRSDC

Advise the following signatories that an action is required

Signatories	Advise Signatories by e-mail
Signatory #1	CYes CNo
Signatory #2	CYes CNo
Signatory #3	CYes CNo

Submit

When the Submit button is selected, the users will be presented with a confirmation message.

Thank you! Your signature has been captured. The submission to ESDC will only be possible once the required number of signatories has been captured. You can view how many signatories are required in the Account Management and how many signatories are outstanding on the left side menu using the Review and Submit screen of the item.

An e-mail was sent only to the identified signatories to enable the submission of the item to ESDC.

The users that receive the email will be advised that an action is required from them. They will be able to access their own account and look for a project that has a Pending Signatories status. They will be able to review the information prior to submitting the information to the department. Once all signatories have completed the declaration page, the last one will obtain a confirmation message. (see section 2.18)

2.18 Application Confirmation

The "Confirmation" screen displays a visible confirmation that the Application for Funding has been submitted successfully. It also displays a submission confirmation message and number.



2.18.1 CONFIRMATION E-MAIL

Your confirmation e-mail will contain the following information:

Attention:

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of your Application for Funding. All applications are subject to a review. Your Application for Funding will be assessed in accordance with Terms and Conditions of the program.

In any future communication regarding this Application for Funding, please refer to the tracking number noted above.

Thank you for your interest in this program. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca

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