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# **Definitions**

# **Application Accepted**

Your application has been accepted, and it is ready for review and scoring.

# **Approved**

Your application meets requirements and has met or exceeded the minimum required score. Do not start work until all the grant paperwork has been completed.

After your application has been approved, it will take approximately two months to be able to begin work.

#### **Awarded**

Your grant agreement has been completed. You can now start work on your grant.

#### Collaboration

Support Staff are helping you with your application.

## **Collaboration Request**

Your application will be in this stage if you are waiting for PWS staff to respond to your request for help.

# Community PWS

A community public water supply provides water to the public in their primary living space—where people live and sleep—homes, apartments, nursing homes, prisons, etc.

# **Competitive Grant**

Has a maximum amount of \$15,000, which may be increased to \$45,000 when three or more public water suppliers apply under the same application. To be eligible, the community or non-community non transient system must include an equal cost share amount. Competitive Grants help implement source water protection measures regardless of whether the public water supplier has a wellhead protection plan in place.

#### **Cost Share Amount**

The amount you will contribute as the grantee. Must be at least equal to what you are requesting from Minnesota Department of Health. Cost share amount can be from a different state grant, a federal grant, or your own financial resources. In kind contributions cannot be used.

#### Draft

Your application will stay in this stage until you submit it.

# Elapsed

You did not accept the grant within the allocated time.

#### Fluxx

The system that hosts the Source Water Protection Grant database.

#### **Grant Closed**

Work and documentation completed, payment is completed, grant is closed. You can now apply for another grant of the same grant type (Transient, Plan Implementation, Competitive).

# **Group Review**

Your application is under review and is being scored.

#### In Closeout

The invoice report has been submitted so the payment records can be created, and close out activities are completed with Finance.

#### In-Kind Contributions

In-Kind Contributions can refer to non-monetary donations of time, goods, or services made by individuals or businesses.

# **Not Approved**

Application does not meet requirements or scored too low for consideration.

# **Pending**

Grant agreement and other paperwork is being processed. Do not start work until all the grant paperwork has been completed.

# Plan Implementation Grant

Has a maximum reward amount of \$15,000 and does not require any cost share by the Public Water Supplier. To be eligible, the water supplier must be either community or noncommunity non transient and have a current MDH-approved Wellhead Protection Plan and MDH-endorsed intake protection plan.

#### Received

Support staff have your application, but it has not yet been reviewed.

#### Sent Back to Grantee

Your application has been returned because supplemental information is needed.

#### **SMF Review**

Subject Matter Experts provide input during the review.

# **Support Staff**

Support staff can refer to a sanitarian, engineer, Minnesota Rural Water Association Planner, and/or Minnesota Department of Health Planner or delegated authority.

#### **SWIFT Vendor ID**

A permanent identification number that a Public Water Supply uses to receive money through the state. The PWS must sign up for one and then send it to <a href="https://example.com/health.swpgrants@state.mn.us">health.swpgrants@state.mn.us</a>. Once they have an ID, they do not have to get another if they apply for another grant. You sign up for a SWIFT Vendor ID here:

<u>SWIFT Vendor ID Resources (https://mn.gov/mmb/accounting/swift/vendor-resources/).</u>

#### **Transient Grant**

Has a maximum amount of \$15,000, which may be increased to \$45,000 when three or more public water suppliers apply under the same application. This grant requires an equal financial cost share amount. Transient Grants support wellhead protection measures that address a potential contamination source that presents a high risk to a source of drinking water as determined by MDH.

# **Transient System**

PWS that regularly serve an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year, but do not serve the same 25 people over that period of time.

#### Waitlisted

Your application has scored the minimum number of points required, however, the funding has been exhausted as allocated in the RFP. Grant applications that score higher, have health equity priority/point, or are received first are funded first. You are placed on a waiting list for if funding becomes available or until the next grant round.

#### Withdrawn

You have removed your application for consideration or have refused the grant.

#### With Finance Team

Application is awaiting encumbrance. Do not start work until all the grant paperwork has been completed.

# With Legal

Application has been sent to legal for approval. Do not start work until all the grant paperwork has been completed.

# **Acronyms**

#### APO

Administrative Penalty Order

#### **DWSMA**

**Drinking Water Supply Management Area** 

#### MDH

Minnesota Department of Health

#### **MRWA**

Minnesota Rural Water Association

#### **MNDWIS**

Minnesota Drinking Water Supply Information System

#### NOV

Notice of Violation

#### **PCSI**

**Potential Contaminant Source Inventory** 

#### **PWS**

Public Water Supply or Public Water System

#### **RFP**

**Request For Proposal** 

# **SME**

**Subject Matter Experts** 

#### **SWP**

**Source Water Protection** 

# Tap

**Technical Assistance Planner** 

# **Disclaimer**

Please note that as we continue to make changes to Fluxx, Fluxx may look different than the information presented in this document. Many of screenshots in this document were created with testing data for purposes of training and guidance.

All applications submitted in response to the RFP will become property of the State. In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13.599, all applications and their contents are private or nonpublic until the applications are opened.

Once the applications are opened, the name and address of each applicant and the amount requested is public. All other data in an application is private or nonpublic data until completion of the evaluation process, which is defined by statute as when MDH has completed negotiating the grant agreement with the selected applicant.

After MDH has completed the evaluation process, all remaining data in the applications is public with the exception of trade secret data as defined and classified in Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subd. 1(b). A statement by an applicant that the application is copyrighted or otherwise protected does not prevent public access to the application or its contents. (Minn. Stat. § ++13.599, subd. 3(a)).

# **Asking For Help**

# **Database Problems**

For technical issues or questions related to the database, please email <a href="mailto:swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us">swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us</a> for support.

#### **Grant Questions**

For questions about the grant process, please email health.swpgrants@state.mn.us for support.

# **Getting Started**

To get started, you will need to create an account by visiting MDH Fluxx (<a href="https://mdh.fluxx.io/user\_sessions/new">https://mdh.fluxx.io/user\_sessions/new</a>). You can view directions in the "Register Account" section on page 4. Once your account has been created and approved you are able to draft and submit an application.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the <u>FLUXX SWP Grants Portal</u> (<u>mdh.fluxx.io</u>). Please direct all questions to <u>swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us</u>.

#### Instructional Videos

There are additional resources and instructional videos on the <u>Source Water Protection Grants</u> (<a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html">https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html</a>) website to assist you. Specific video links:

- Grantee's Login Guide (PDF)
   (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/fluxxlogin.pdf)
- Quick Start Training Video (YouTube) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tocz-5qxLKI)
- How to Register for Fluxx Training Video (YouTube)
   (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDS3MzmSGeA)

# **Videos For Specific Grant Types**

For each grant type, there are additional resources such as the RFP, Grant Application Questions, grant forms, frequently asked questions, and training videos available.

- Noncommunity Transient Grant Videos
   (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/transient.h tml)
- Plan Implementation Grant Videos (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/implement ation.html)
- Competitive Grant Videos
   (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/competitive.html)

# **Your Account**

You will need an account to access the grantee portal even if someone else with your PWS has a registered account. This requires a different email than any accounts that have been previously registered. You will only need to create an account once.

# Register Account

If you have not used the portal before, you will need to register an account. You can do this by clicking "create account" on the lower right side of the screen.

# New to the Online Portal? Create Your Organizational Profile To be considered for funding for a Source Water Protection grant (Competitive, Plan Implementation, or Transient) you must first register by clicking the "Create Account" button below. You will then receive an automated email notification with the login information granting you access to the portal and our application forms. Should your funding application be successful, this portal will give you access to our reporting templates.

Create Account Button

Tip: Before you create your account, have your PWSID number, organization legal name, organization address, organization email, primary contact's name, title, work phone, and work email ready. Your account will also need a password. Your username is the email address you registered with.

Create Account

Fill out Organization Information and Primary Contact Information fields. After all required fields are filled, click "Submit Request" at the bottom of the page. Once you click 'submit request', it can take up to two business days for your request to be approved.

# Login to Account

After you have been registered, you will be able to access your account through the login screen on the left. You will need to enter your username, password, and click "Sign In". If you need to reset your password, you can do so by clicking "Forgot Password?" under the "Sign In" button.



Sign In Button

# **Navigating the Portal**

# **Navigation Menu**

The Navigation Menu is a dark grey box that can be found along the left-hand side of the page.



Navigation Menu

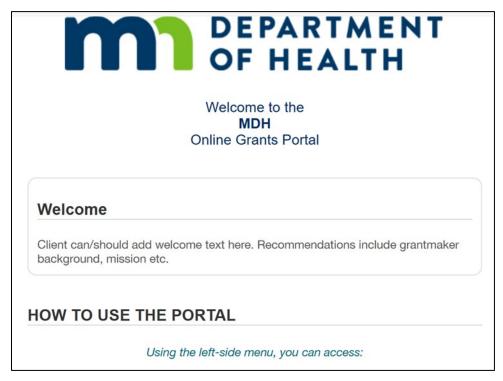
The top of the menu starts with your PWS Identification Number in a light grey box. If you manage multiple systems, you can use the drop down to choose which system you want to use.

#### Information

The next item on the menu's list is "Information". If you click on the arrow to pull down the menu you will see page options for the Grantee Portal (homepage), Apply for Funding and FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions).

#### **Grantee Portal**

This is essentially the homepage. This page provides information about grants and general information on how to navigate the portal. When you click on it, you will be brought to this page:



Grants Portal Page

## **Apply for Funding**

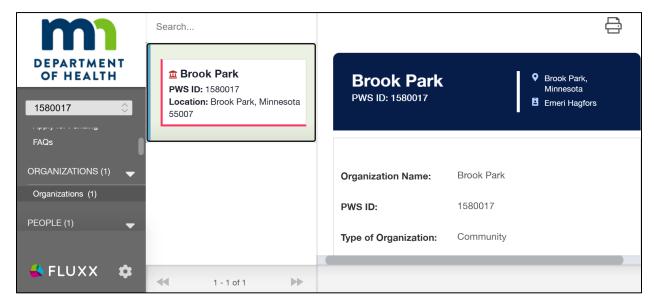
Directly under the Grantee Portal is the Apply for Funding page. The page begins with links to documents about the SWP Grant Program and SWP Grants Information Sheet. Then the page gives examples of what is considered grant eligible and grant ineligible activities, types of grants, and ends with the green "Apply For \_\_\_\_\_ Grant" buttons for each grant type.

#### FAQ's

The FAQ's page is the last page listed under the Information drop-down tab. This page has commonly asked questions about the grantmaking process, portal navigation, and contact information in case your question wasn't answered on this page.

# Organizations

When clicking on this drop-down option a card will appear with information about your Public Water System. The card details your PWS name, type of organization, PWS ID, address, email, and SWIFT vendor ID.



Organization Card

Tip: You can use this page to check that your PWS' information is correct. If you find an error, please contact our swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us email with your correction request.

# People

This page pulls up information about you. It will show your name, organization (PWS), and email address your account is registered with.

# **Applications**

This is a drop-down menu that links to the Draft Applications, Collaboration Requested, Collaboration, Clarification Requested, and Submitted Applications pages.

# **Feedback from Program Team**

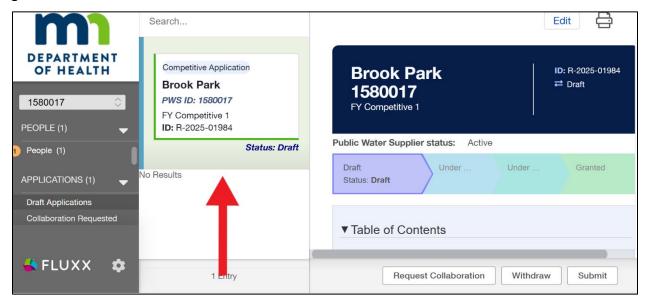
Sometimes after you submit your application you will get a response from the team reviewing your application. These appear on the Applications page under the application status bar with the heading "Feedback from Program Team" followed by text describing the feedback.



Feedback from Program Team

# **Draft Applications**

This page will show you applications that you have started and saved but not completed. "No results" means you have no saved drafts. If you do have a draft application, it will appear on this page in a light green box. If you have multiple applications started, you will see multiple green boxes.



Example of Green Draft Box

You can also see that your application is in the "Draft" stage with the status bar on the right side of this screen.

To edit your draft, you can click "Edit" on the top right of the screen.



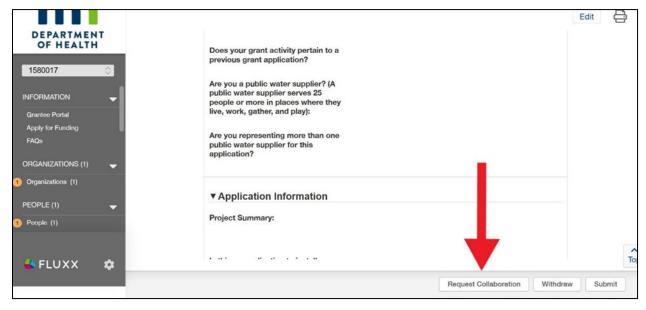
**Edit Application Button** 

## **Collaboration Requested**

Collaboration can be requested on the bottom right of an application. This is for if you need help from staff to fill out and review your application prior to submittal. Collaboration is a one-time review. There cannot be multiple collaboration requests.

Example: During collaboration, either staff or applicants can upload documents/attachments.

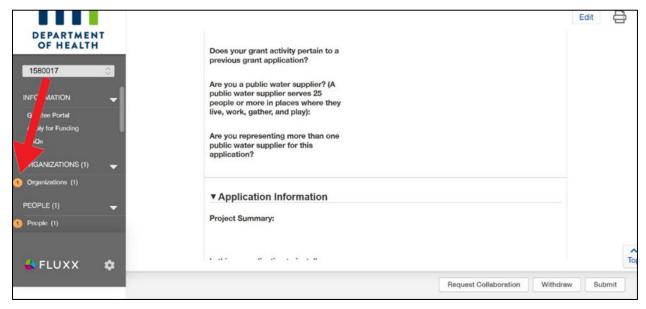
To request collaboration, click the "Save and Close" button on the bottom right of your draft application.



Request Collaboration Button

A button to "Request Collaboration" will then appear on the bottom right. A pop-up window will appear asking you to confirm you would like collaboration. Click "OK". A staff member will

get assigned to help you. You will need to wait for a response. Your request will be documented on the "Collaboration Requested" page. Staff response will be found on the "Collaboration" page. An orange alert will show up next to the collaboration page on the navigation menu. You can see an example of what the alerts look like next to the "Organizations" and "People" pages in the next image.



Orange Alert Notification

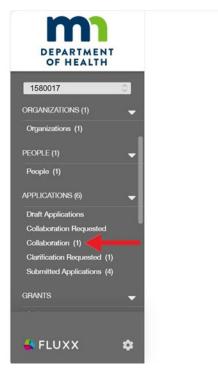
The orange alerts are how you know you have new activity throughout any of the pages within Fluxx. Once you view the new activity the alerts will disappear.

Disclaimer: When requesting collaboration, you are giving staff the permission to change your application and submit the application on your behalf. Staff can also return the application to you for submittal.

#### **Collaboration**

This is where staff's responses to your collaboration requests are documented. You will know you have a new response when a number in parenthesis appears next to the "Collaboration" page on the navigation menu. The number is an alert for how many applications you have in "Collaboration Status".

Tip: Keep track of how many draft applications you have. Each application can only have one collaborator, and each draft application can have a different collaborator assigned to you. You can find your incomplete applications on the "Draft Applications" page in your account.

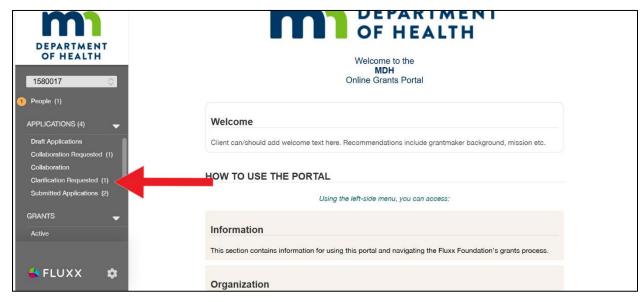


New Collaboration Alert

Once you go into the Collaboration page, you can see which application (s) are in collaboration status. You will have to collaborate through the email you set up your Fluxx account with. **You cannot communicate through Fluxx.** 

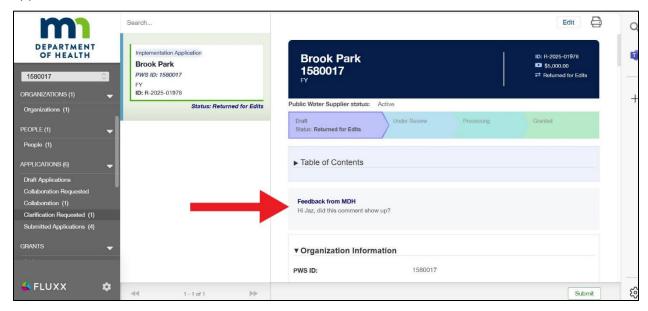
## **Clarification Requested**

If the reviewer has questions about your submitted application, they will send a clarification request. You will know you have a request when you see a number in parenthesis behind the "Clarification Requested" page. The number is how many applications with clarification requests you have. You will also receive an email notifying you.



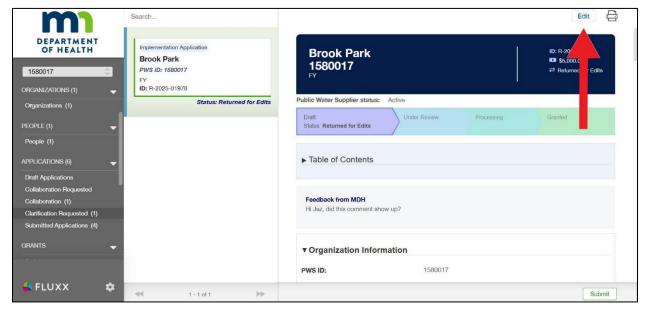
Clarification Requested Notification

To see the clarification that is being requested, click into the "Clarification Requested" page and select the application you want to look at. The clarification request is located under your application's table of contents and is labeled as "Feedback from MDH".



Clarification Request Location

When clarification is requested, your application will go back to being in the draft stage. You will need to make the requested edits and resubmit. To continue making your edits, click the "Edit" button on the top right of your application.



Edit Button to Make Clarifications

Clicking the edit button will allow you to make the necessary updates to your application. Once you have made your updates, click "Save and Close" and then "Submit" on the lower right of the screen to resubmit your application. A window will pop up asking you to confirm you would like to submit your application. Click "OK". After this, your application will go back "Under

Review" status. You will no longer be able to see this application through the "Clarification Requested" page. It goes to the "Submitted Applications" page.

#### **Submitted Applications**

This page will show you the applications you have completed and submitted. You can also review the type of application you have applied for, your application ID number, requested grant amount, and a copy of your application.

Note: This page shows submitted applications. You cannot edit applications that have been submitted.

# **Application Statuses**

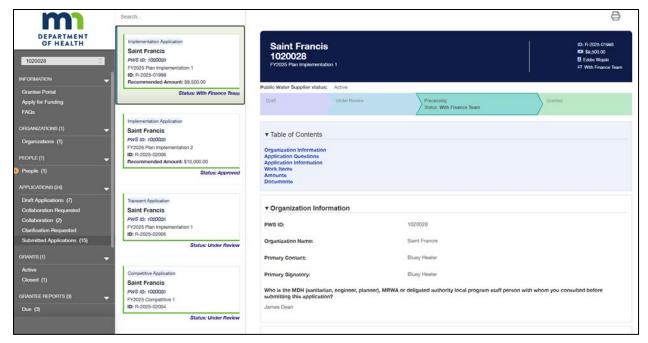
All application statuses are defined in the "Definitions" section on page 1.

#### Grants

#### **Active**

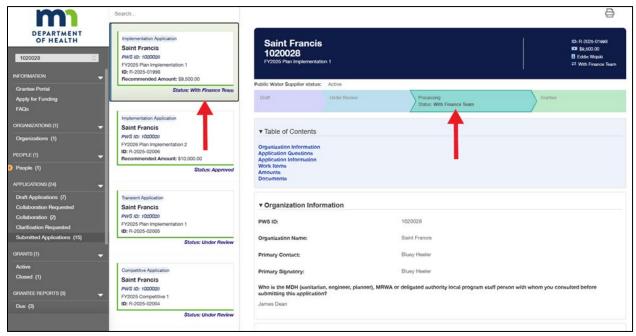
All submitted grants that a PWS has (that have not been withdrawn or closed out) will appear on this page in the form of a list. You can click on a grant to review your application answers. Your application will show up on the right, next to the list of active grants.

You can get to this page using the navigation menu on the right of the screen.



Active Grants

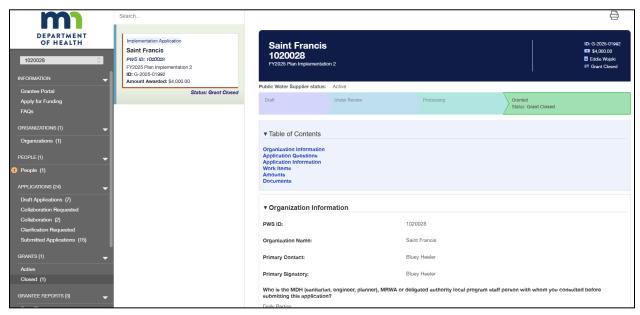
You are also able to see what status your grant is in on this page. The picture below shows where you can view the status of the grant within the grant process (draft, under review, processing, granted).



Grant Status Locations on Active Grants Page

#### Closed

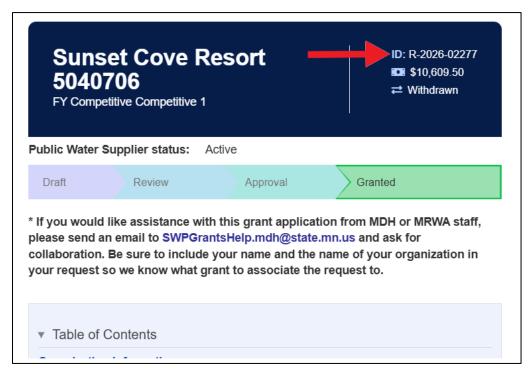
The "Closed" Grants page shows grants that are completed. You can click on a grant to review how the application questions were answered. The application will show up on the right.



Closed Grants Page

#### **Grant ID Numbers**

Every grant you have will have a Grant ID assigned to it. This includes both active and closed grants. This ID can be found on the top right of your opened grant or application.



**Grant ID Location** 

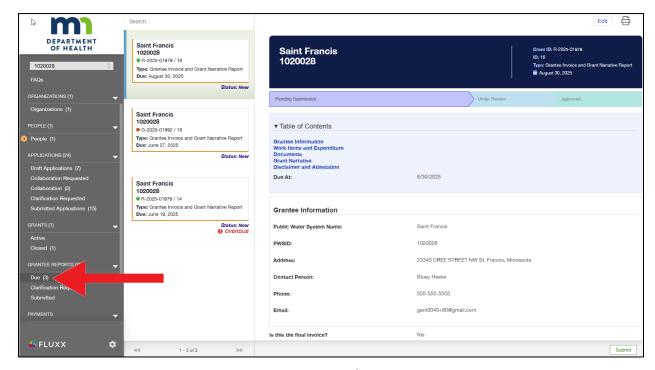
Knowing where the Grant ID is located is helpful when you are creating a new grant application that is a continuation from a previous grant you have done as you will be asked for your previous Grant's ID number.

# Grantee Reports: Due, Clarification Requested, and Submitted

There is one report that a grantee will be assigned. This report combines the invoice and narrative report.

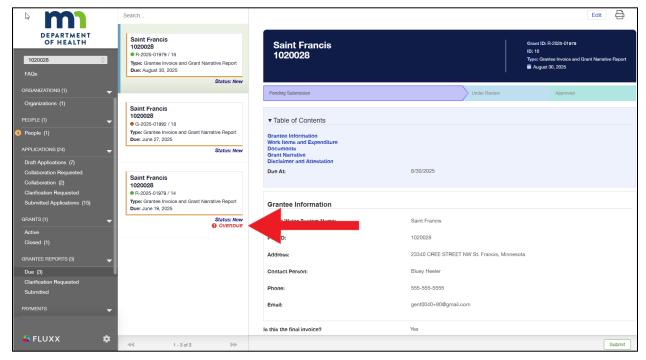
#### Due

New and overdue reports will show up on this page in the form of a list. There will be an alert next to the "Due" subpage showing if you have any new reports due in the form of a number in between parenthesis. The number is how many reports you have due.



Reports Due Alert

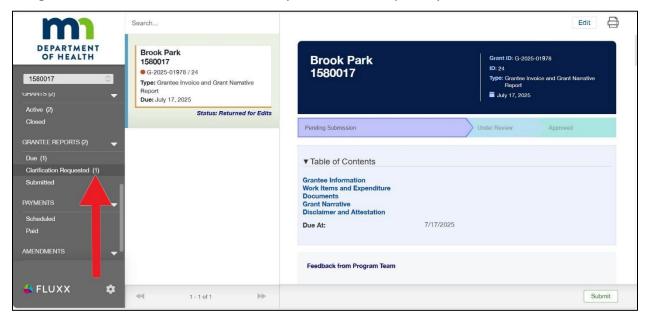
Each grant that has a report due will have the PWS name, PWS ID, grant type, and report due date listed. You will know a report is overdue if you get the red "Overdue" notice under that report. The invoice and narrative report must be completed for you to be reimbursed.



Overdue Alert Notice

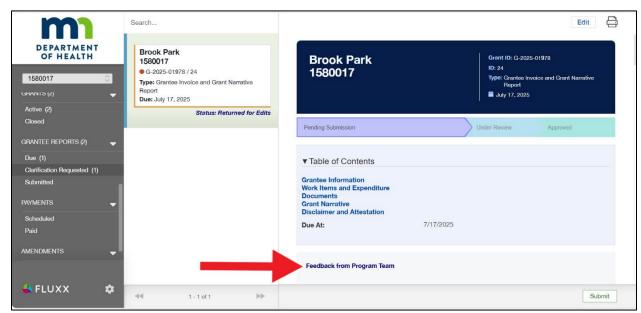
#### **Clarification Requested**

The "Clarification Requested" subpage under "Grantee Reports" is where grant staff's questions or problems with a submitted report will appear. You will know you have a clarification request for a report if an alert with a number in parenthesis appear next to the subpage on the navigation menu. The number is how many clarification requests you have.



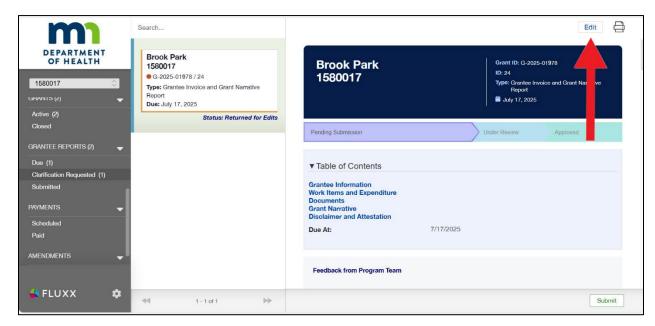
Clarification Request Alert

Click on the report that needs clarification. The full report will show up on the right side of the screen. The clarification request will appear in the "Feedback from Program Team" box.



Clarification Request Location

From here you will see what needs to be clarified and can go back into the report to make the updates needed. Click the "Edit" button on the top right of the screen to start.



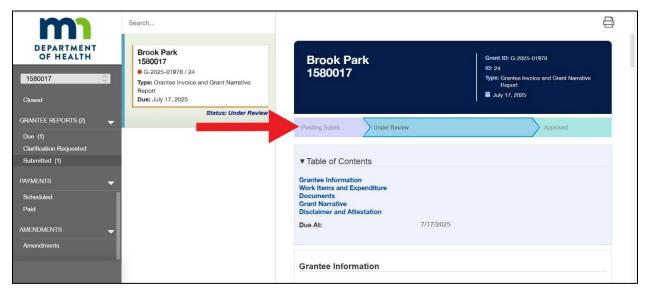
Edit Report Button

Once you have made the necessary edits, click "Save and Close" on the lower right of the screen. After that you can click "Submit" to send back to staff. Once you do this your report will move back to the "Submitted" subpage.

If you do not submit after clicking "Save and Close" your report will remain in the "Clarification Requested" subpage as a draft.

#### **Submitted**

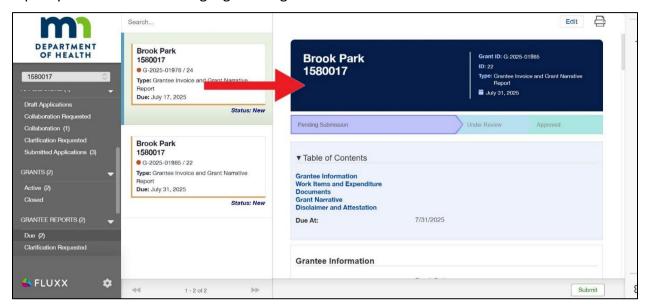
Reports that you have submitted will appear on this subpage. You can review your answers and report status here. The status bar on the right will you know if your report is under review or approved.



Report Status Bar

## Filling Out Grantee Reports

To fill out an assigned grantee report, go to the "Due" subpage under "Grant Reports". Click on the report you want to submit. The report will appear on the right side of the screen. The report you selected will be highlighted in green on the left of the screen.



Selecting Grant Report

You can scroll up and down on the report on the right. The report includes grantee information, work items and expenditures, documents, grant narrative, and disclaimer and attestation.

#### **Grantee Information**

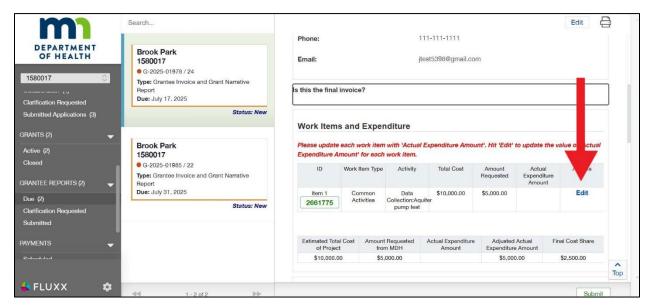
This section is prefilled from the information provided when the account was registered. If this information is inaccurate, please contact <a href="mailto:swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us">swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us</a>.

#### **Final Invoice**

Use the drop-down menu to answer "Yes/No" to indicate if this is your final invoice.

#### **Work Items and Expenditure**

You will need to scroll down to this section to put in the actual expenditure amount for each work item you listed in your application. Click the blue "Edit" button to the right of each work item to insert your actual expenditure amount in the new window that pops up.



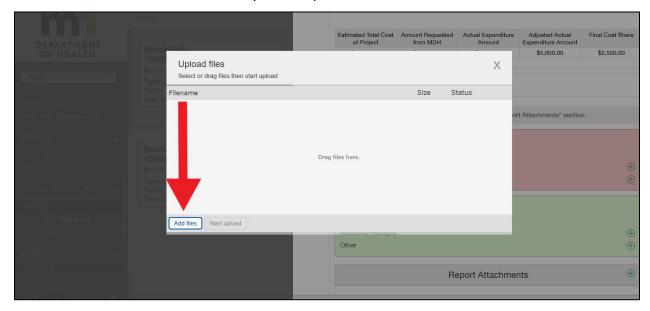
Edit Button

The new window starts with reviewing your application answers. Scroll down and enter your actual expenditure amount in the provided text box. Click "Save" on the lower right up the popup window.

#### **Documents**

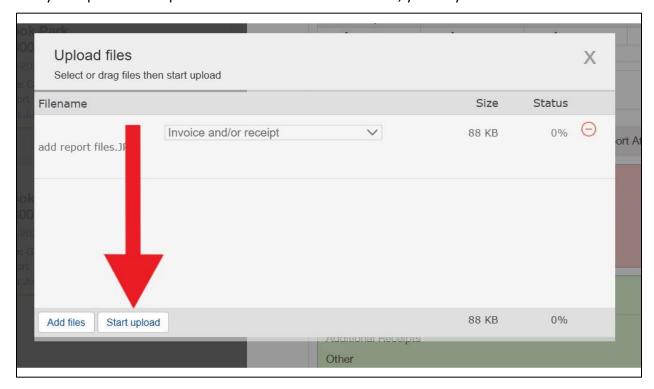
Use the green "+" buttons to upload your Contracts and Invoices. These documents are required. In the next box you have the option to upload additional receipts and other documents.

After clicking the green "+" sign, a new window will pop up. Click "Add files" on the lower left of the window to choose the files from your computer.



Add Files Button

Once your file has been added, you will need to click the "Start Upload" button. **Do not exit out of the window before clicking "Start Upload" or your files will not save.** After you get the alert that your upload is complete on the bottom of the window, you may exit.



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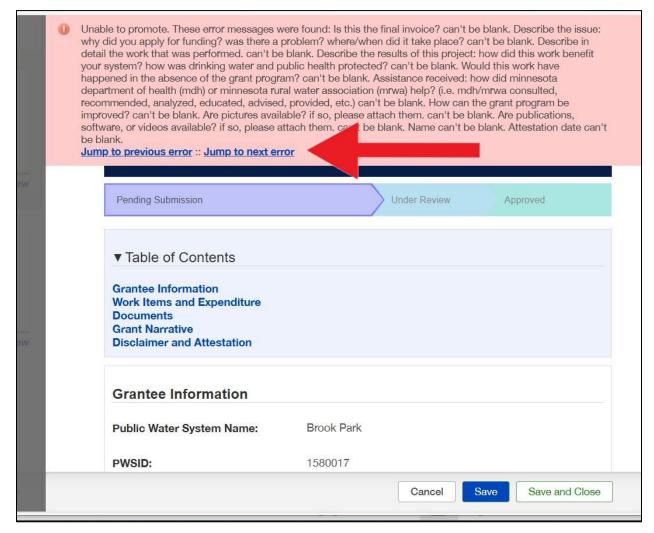
#### **Grant Narrative**

The grant narrative is a questionnaire seeking feedback about your grant experience. Use the textboxes and drop-down menus to answer the questions. If you need to upload pictures or files, use the "Documents" section above this one.

#### **Disclaimer and Attestation**

You will need to type your name as your "signature" and put in the date you are submitting the report. After this step, everything should be fully filled out and you can click "Save and Close" on the lower right of the screen. Then you will click "Submit" on the lower right of the screen. A new window will pop up asking if you are sure you want to submit your report. Click "OK". This will move your report from "Pending Submission" to "Under Review". This report will now be found on the "Submitted" subpage of Grantee Reports on the navigation menu.

If there is a problem with your report answers, an error will appear when you try to submit. The error explanations will be highlighted in red throughout the report. You can use the options on the error alert to jump to next and jump to previous errors.



Error Alert with Jump to Previous and Jump to Next Options

Tip: If you need to save a draft and come back later, click "Save and Close" without submitting your report. This will leave it in the "Due" subpage.

# **Payments**

#### **Scheduled**

This page keeps track of grant payments that are scheduled to be paid out, including the amount.

#### **Paid**

This page keeps track of grant payments that have already been paid out, including the date and amount.

#### **Amendments**

Grant Agreement Amendments can be used to extend the time needed to complete your project, update recommended amount and change agreement language. There are three types of amendments that can be requested:

- Budget Modification
- Changes in Language
- Time Extension

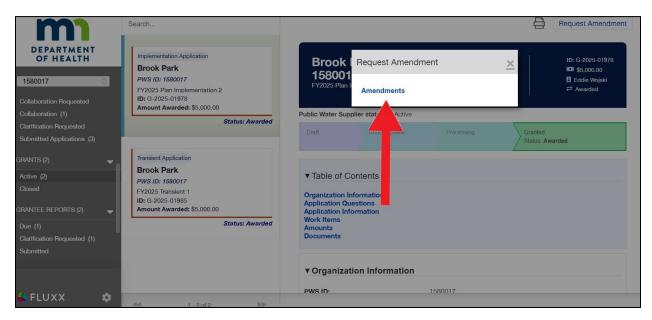
Amendments can be requested by both grantees and staff. If you want to request an amendment, go to the "Active Grants" subpage and select the grant you want to amend. After selecting your grant, it will pull up on the right side of the screen. Click "Request Amendment" on the top right of the screen.



Request Amendment Button

A new window will pop up. Click "Amendments". The next window to appear will have the amendment request questions.

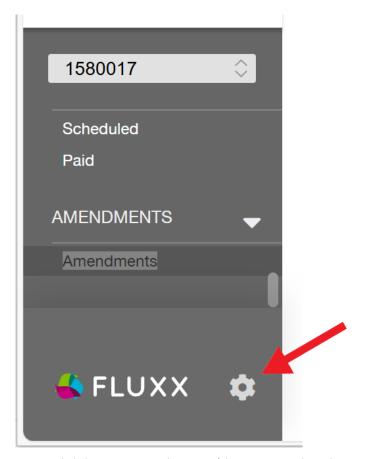
- Use the check boxes to choose which amendment type you are requesting. You will
  need to use the text box to explain why the amendment is needed. You can choose
  multiple amendment types if needed.
- Update the new end date and recommended amount if those are needed.
- There is a text box for you to add any notes. "MDH Request Notes" text box is read only.
- Upload any relevant documents.



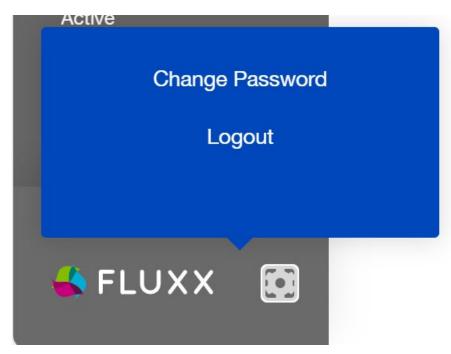
Amendments Button

# Logging Out and Changing Password

To log out of your account or change your password, you need to go to the bottom of the navigation menu and click on the gear symbol next to the Fluxx logo. This gives you the option for either.



Gear Symbol That Gets You to The Logout/Change Password Window



Logout/Change Password Window

# **Apply For Funding**

## **Grant Types**

Before starting a grant application it's important to know what grants you qualify for and what the requirements are for eligibility.

Important: If rewarded, the grant must be spent within the timeframe established in the RFP and grant agreement.

- Plan Implementation Grants have a maximum reward amount of \$15,000 and does not require any cost share by the Public Water Supplier.
  - To be eligible, the water supplier must be either community or noncommunity non transient and have a current MDH-approved Wellhead Protection Plan and MDH-endorsed intake protection plan.
- Transient Grants have a maximum amount of \$15,000, which may be increased to \$45,000 when three or more public water suppliers apply under the same application. This grant requires an equal financial cost share amount.
  - Transient Grants support wellhead protection measures that address a potential contamination source that presents a high risk to a source of drinking water as determined by MDH.
- **Competitive Grants** have a maximum amount of \$15,000, which may be increased to \$45,000 when three or more public water suppliers apply under the same application. To be eligible, the community or non-community non transient system must include an equal cost share amount.

- Competitive Grants help implement source water protection measures regardless of whether the public water supplier has a wellhead protection plan in place.
- Source: Source Water Protection Grants
   (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/grants.html)

# **Transient Grant**

For detailed information on the application period, work item eligibility, scoring, funding period, reporting requirements, etc., please see the <a href="Noncommunity Transient RFP">Noncommunity Transient RFP (PDF)</a> (<a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/transientrfp.pdf">https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/transientrfp.pdf</a>)

# **Transient Grant Pre-Application Checklist**

- PWS ID
- Active PWS Status in MNDWIS
- DWSMA ID(s) (This includes other PWS DWSMAs that your PWS may be located within)
- DWSMA Vulnerability (This includes other PWS DWSMAs that your PWS may be located within)
- Identify costs associated with the project
- Measure number and language from Wellhead Protection Plan, Action Plan, or Surface Water Intake Protection Plan
- Relevant correspondence with MDH or MRWA staff
- Source Water Protection Transient and Competitive Grant Project Evaluation Form
- NOV (If applicable) with project evaluation form
- APO (If applicable) with compliance agreement and project evaluation form
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (Linked within application)

# Transient Grant Application Questions Resource

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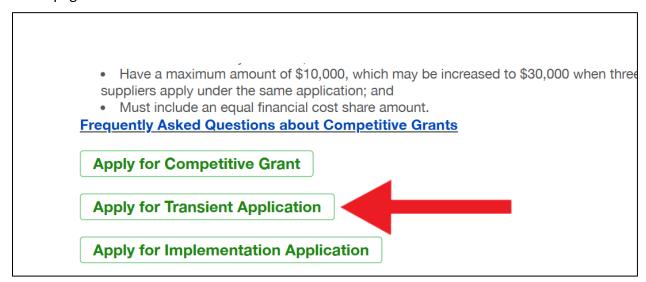
#### This is a sample. Do not use this as your application.

<u>Transient Grant Application Questions (Word)</u>
(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/transientapp.docx)

# Starting the Transient Grant Application

To get to the competitive grant application, you will need to go to the "Apply for Funding" page. You will need to scroll through resource documents, information about what activities is grant

eligible, and grant types to get to the green "Apply for Transient Grant" button on the bottom of the page.



Transient Application Button

The top of the application has information about your PWS, the fiscal year, and what status you are in with your application. Below that is a bar that shows what stage your application is in, and the next stages. The table of contents lists what type of information may be required for your application.



Where To Find Your Application Stage

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## **Organization Information**

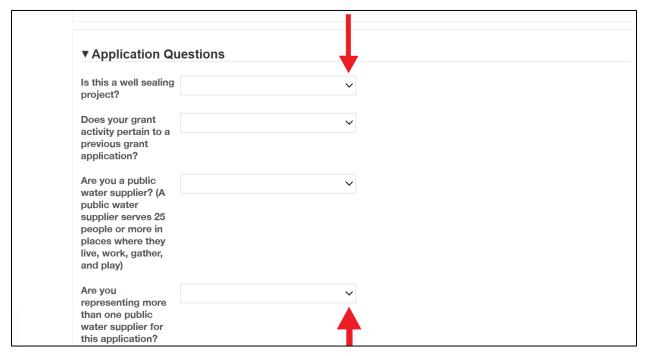
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If known, it is recommended you fill out your MDH sanitarian or delegated authority contact.

Tip: Your "support staff information" is your MDH Sanitarian, MRWA Contact, and/or MDH Planner.

## **Application Questions**

Answer these questions using the drop-down menu.



Drop-Down Menus

## **Application Information**

Use the text box to write a brief project summary

## **Examples of a Brief Project Summary:**

- Purchase and install security cameras to protect the well site
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- Connect to city water

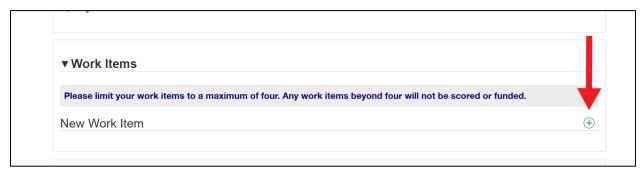
Then use the drop-down menu to answer whether you need an Alternate Source Water Evaluation. An Alternate Source Water Evaluation is only required if you are asking for treatment for your water system. If needed, your sanitarian or engineer will help.

Tip: To select your answer for whether you are under any violation, you must click on your answer to highlight it and then use the arrows to move your answer from the left box to the right. Only pick one answer.

### **Work Items**

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When you click the "+" sign on the right side of the Work Items text box, a new window will appear with more questions. **All of these questions are required.** These questions can be answered using the drop-down menus and text boxes.



Green "+" Button

You will need to choose the type of work item. There are three to choose from:

**Management Strategies:** Use this if you are applying for a grant to implement a Wellhead Protection Measure. The management strategies work item type is only for PWSs that are applying for a grant to implement management strategies within MDH approved wellhead protection plans or wellhead protection action plans, or surface water intake protection plans.

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**Common Activities:** Transient grants should select Common Activities or Sanitary Survey Work item types. Select this option if you are not addressing an action/item from your sanitary survey. Common Activities is only a list of grant work items that are commonly applied for. It is not an exhaustive list. If you do not find something on this list that matches your grant work item, select "Other" to create your own.

Use the text box to describe the work that will be performed. If your description is more than 2,000 characters you will need to attach a separate document in the "Grant Documents" section located later in the application.

The rest of the questions will need to be answered using the drop-down menus and text boxes. Once this is filled out, do not exit out of the window without clicking the "Save" button on the bottom right.

Note: It is important that you choose the correct work item type. Please make sure the option you choose aligns with the documentation you are providing as evidence of need for your grant work item. Only choose "other" if there is not an applicable option in the list provided.

### **Amounts**

The total grant amount you can request is \$500-15,000, or a max of \$45,000 if there are three PWS applying together.

There is a table at the top of this section that auto calculates the estimated total cost of project and amount you are requesting from MDH. This calculation is pulled from the information you provided in the "Work Items" section. Confirm this information is correct. If it's not, make the necessary changes to you work items.

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Note: You cannot use In-Kind Contributions.

### **Documents**

You are given the opportunity to download the "Conflict of Interest" and "Project Evaluation" form at the top of this section.

You will need to add your completed MDH plan strategy/measure number, Itemized quote estimates from contractors, and Conflict of Interest documents. There are green "+" buttons to the right of the document types for you to add.



"+" Buttons

### **Grant Documents**

This section allows you to add a variety of document types:

- Additional work item narrative (If additional space is needed)
- Alternate Source Evaluation (Required for treatment)
- Application Budget
- Compliance Agreement (Required if your system is under an APO or NOV)
- Conflict of Interest Form (Required)
- Itemized Quote Estimates from Contractors (Recommended but not required)
- NOV (Required if your system is under a NOV)
- Other Documents
- Project Evaluation Form (Requirement is dependent upon work item and other documentation types)
- Sanitary Survey (Required if applying for an item/action in a Sanitary Survey)

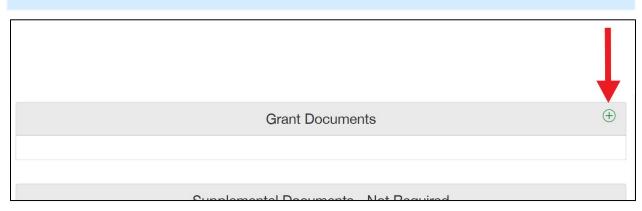
To add a grant document, use the green "+" button to the right of the "Grant Documents" title.

## **Required Documentation**

You must upload at least one of the following supporting documents. Without supporting documentation, your application will be disqualified.

- Sanitary survey
- Project Evaluation form
- NOV with Project evaluation form
- APO with Compliance agreement and Project evaluation form

**Note**: The Project evaluation form must be completed by the MDH staff or local program assigned to the district where the PWS is located

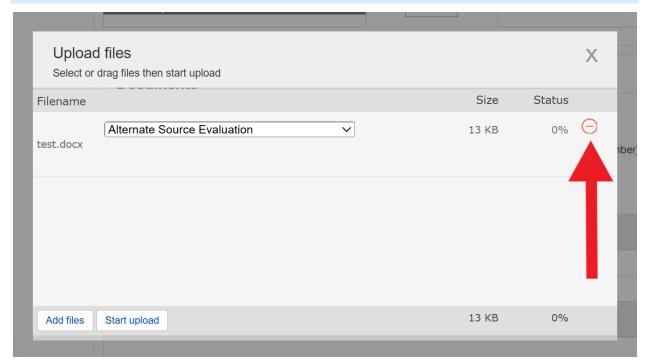


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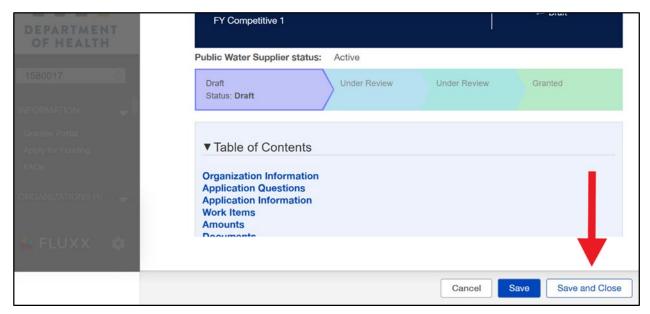
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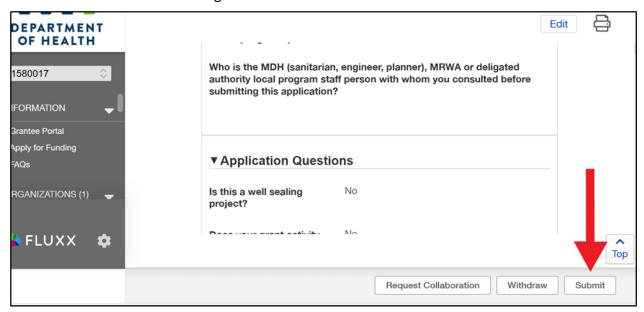
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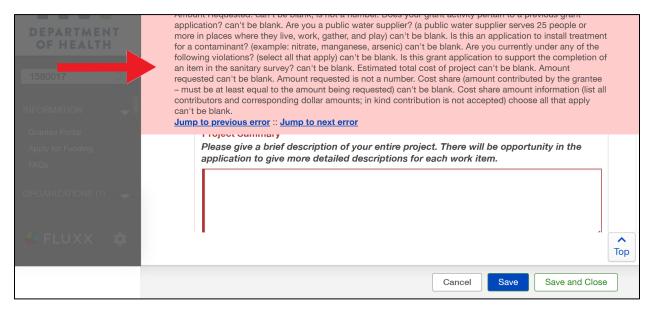
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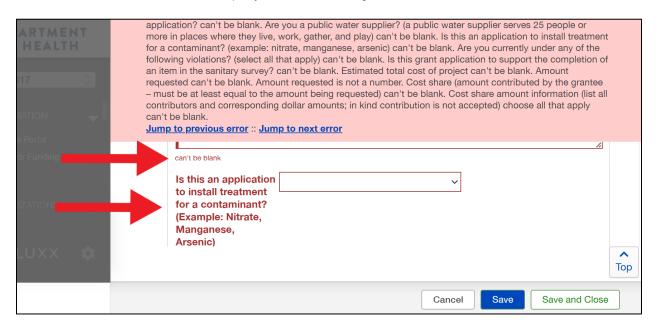


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# **Plan Implementation Grant**

For detailed information on the application period, work item eligibility, scoring, funding period, reporting requirements, etc., please see the <u>Plan Implementation Grant RFP (PDF) (https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/implementrfp.pdf)</u>.

## Plan Implementation Pre-Application Checklist

- PWS ID
- Active PWS Status in MNDWIS
- DWSMA ID(s). This includes other PWS DWSMAs that your PWS may be located within
- DWSMA Vulnerability. This includes other PWS DWSMAs that your PWS may be located within
- Identify costs associated with the project
- Measure number and language from Wellhead Protection Plan, Action Plan, or Surface Water Intake Protection Plan
- Relevant correspondence with MDH or MRWA staff
- NOV (If applicable) with project evaluation form, APO (If applicable) with compliance agreement and project evaluation form
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (Linked within application)

## Plan Implementation Grant Application Questions Resource

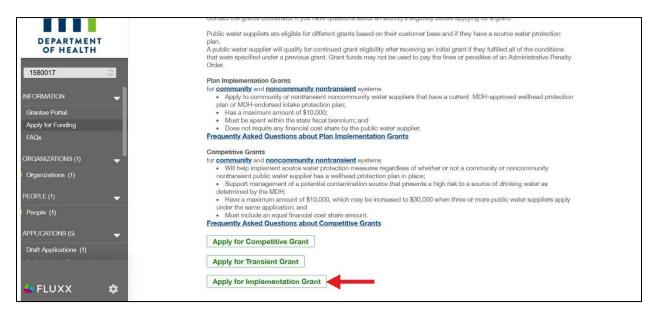
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<u>Plan Implementation Grant Application Questions (Word)</u>
(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/implementapp.docx)

## Starting the Plan Implementation Grant Application

To get to the Implementation Grant application, you will need to go to the "Apply for Funding" page. You will need to scroll through resource documents, information about what activities is grant eligible, and grant types to get to the green "Apply for Implementation Grant" button on the bottom of the page.



Implementation Grant Button

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## **Organization Information**

This section is mostly prefilled, but primary contact and signatory contact can be edited via the drop-down menu.

You will need to fill out the text box asking for your support staff details.

Tip: Your "support staff information" is your Sanitarian, Engineer, MRWA Planner, and/or MDH Planner.

## **Application Questions**

Answer these questions using the drop-down menu.



Drop-Down Menus

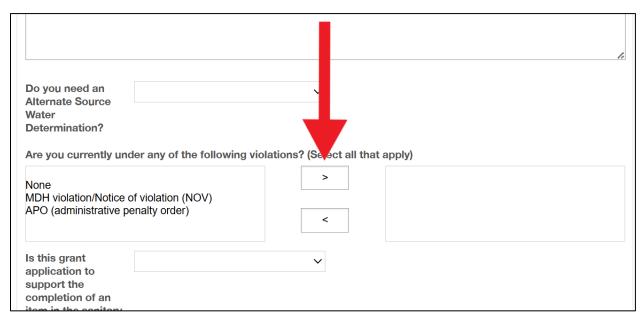
## **Application Information**

Use the text box to write a brief project summary. You can consult your sanitary survey for additional ideas or details.

### **Examples of a Brief Project Summary:**

- Purchase and install security cameras to protect the well site
- Install a treatment system to reduce the nitrate levels in the drinking water
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- Remove pump and seal well
- Construct a new well
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Then use the drop-down menu to answer whether you need an Alternate Source Water Evaluation. An Alternate Source Water Evaluation is only required if you are asking for treatment for your water system. If needed, your MDH/MRWA planner or engineer can help. Tip: The rest of the questions for this section are either answered using a drop-down menu or by using the ">" button to move your answer from the box on the left to the box on the right. If you change your mind, move the answer back to the left using the "<" button.

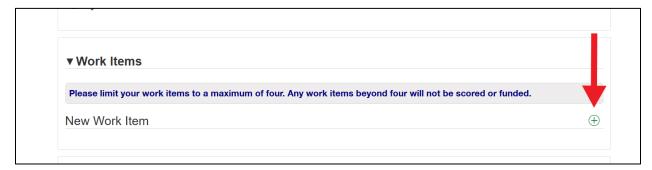


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### **Work Items**

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Green "+" Button

Note: Plan Implementation grants should select Management Strategies or Sanitary Survey Work item types. The management strategies work item type is only for PWSs that are applying for a grant to implement management strategies within MDH approved wellhead protection plans, wellhead protection action plans, or surface water intake protection plans.

You will need to choose the type of work item. There are three to choose from:

**Management Strategies:** Plan Implementation Grants should use either management strategies or Sanitary Survey work item types. The management strategies work item type is only for

PWSs that are applying for a grant to implement management strategies for MDH approved wellhead protection plans or wellhead protection action plans.

The management strategies list drop down contains a sub-set of the Minnesota Department of Health's Management Strategies catalog. If your wellhead plan has the same measure or management strategy (which can be referenced by the numbering system), please select an option from the list below. Most Wellhead Protection Plans and Action Plans will not have the same strategy language. As such, select "Other" to type in the management strategy that you are applying for.

Sanitary Surveys: Plan Implementation grants should use either Sanitary Survey or Management Strategy Work item types. This is not a comprehensive list of actions/items in the sanitary survey. This is an updated list of SWP Grant Eligible Sanitary Survey Codes as found on the back of the project evaluation form. If your sanitary survey has the same action/items (comment, requirement, recommendation, deficiency, or significant deficiency), please select an option from the list below. If you cannot find a match, select "Other" to type in the sanitary survey work item that you are applying for.

**Common Activities:** Plan Implementation Grants should not select this option. Common Activities are primarily for Transient and Competitive grants. Select this option if you are not addressing a management strategy from an MDH approved Wellhead Protection Plan, Action Plan, Surface Water Intake Protection Plan, or action/item from your sanitary survey. Common Activities is only a list of grant work items that are commonly applied for. It is not an exhaustive list. If you do not find something on this list that matches your grant work item, select "Other" to create your own.

Selecting one of the above options will generate a subset of options to choose from. Within the second drop down, if you do not see an activity that fits your project you can select "Other" and then explain in the text box that appears.

Use the text box to describe the work that will be performed. If your description is more than 2,000 characters you will need to attach a separate document in the "Grant Documents" section located later in the application.

The rest of the questions will need to be answered using the drop-down menus and text boxes. Once this is filled out, do not exit out of the window without clicking the "Save" button on the bottom right.

Repeat this section for each work item.

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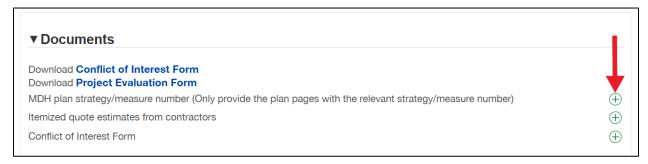
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### **Documents**

You can download the "Conflict of Interest" and "Project Evaluation" forms at the top of this section.

Note: Project Evaluations are used for Competitive and Transient grants. They are not required for Plan Implementation grants but may be used to provide additional information and support for a work item.

You will need to add your completed Conflict of Interest document, and project evaluation form. The Itemized quote estimates from contractors are optional. There are green "+" buttons to the right of the document types for you to add.



"+" Buttons

## **Grant Documents**

This section allows you to add a variety of document types:

- Additional Work Item Narrative
- Alternate Source Evaluation (Required for treatment)
- Application Budget
- Compliance Agreement (Required if your system in under an APO or NOV)

- Conflict of Interest Form (Required)
- Itemized Quote Estimates from Contractors (Recommended but not required)
- MDH Plan Strategy/Measure Number (Required-relevant pages only)
- NOV (Required if your system is under a NOV)
- Other Documents
- Project Evaluation Form
- Sanitary Survey (Required if applying for an item/action in a Sanitary Survey)

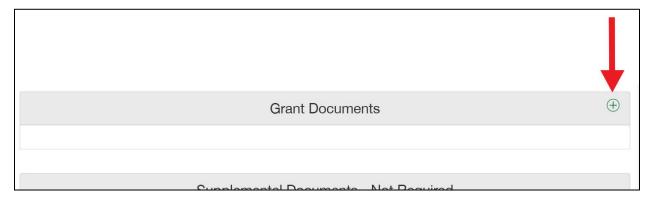
These documents are not necessarily required but may help strengthen your application.

## **Required Documentation**

The following documentation is required to be submitted along with the grant application:

- Pages and Measure Number(s) from the approved Wellhead Protection Plan, Wellhead
   Protection Action Plan or Surface Water Intake Protection Plan
- Plan Management Strategies, or the formal correspondence from MDH that describes the work that will be conducted (Most recent Sanitary Survey, NOV/APO with compliance agreement and project evaluation form, or Project Evaluation form from MDH Drinking Water Protection staff)

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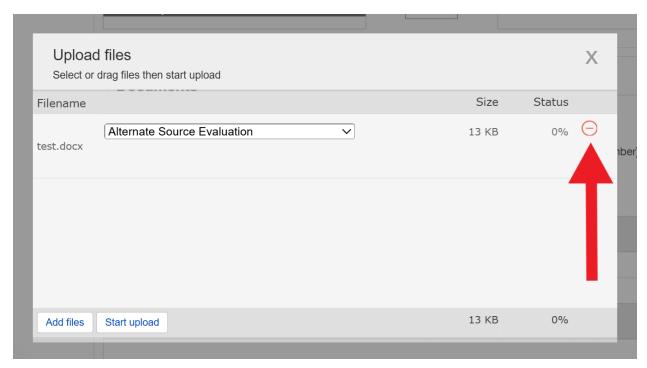


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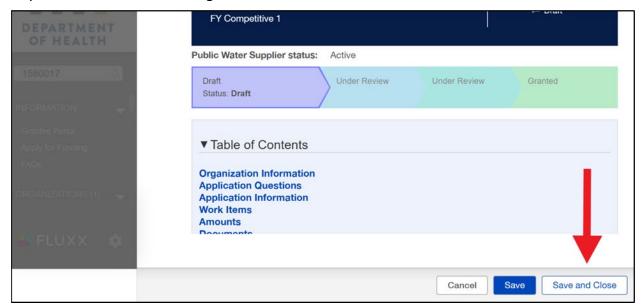
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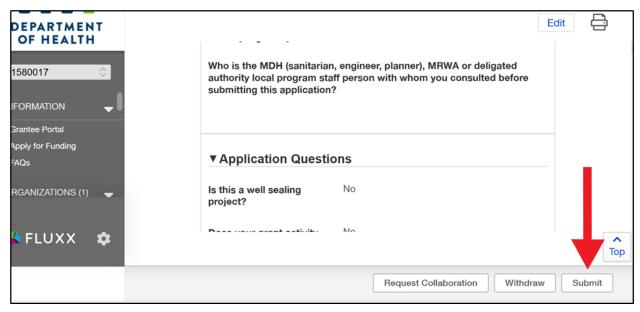
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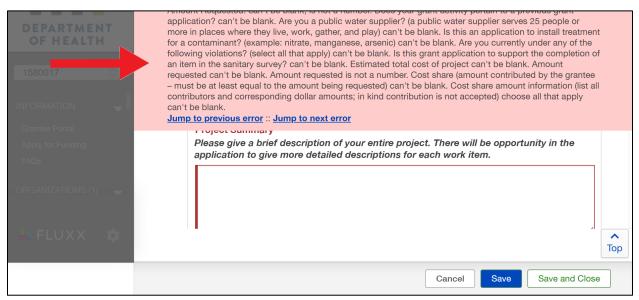
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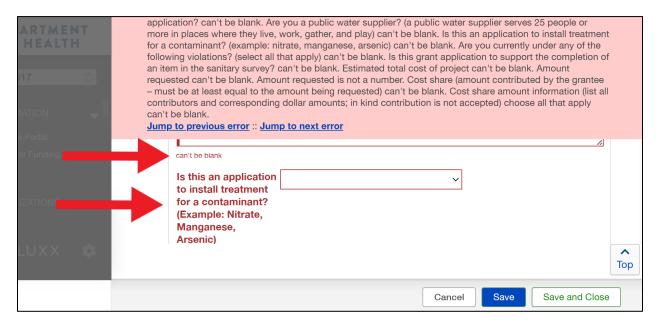


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# **Competitive Grant**

For detailed information on application period, work item eligibility, scoring, funding period, and reporting requirements. please see the <a href="Competitive Grant RFP">Competitive Grant RFP (PDF)</a>
<a href="https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/competitiverfp.pdf">(https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/swp/competitiverfp.pdf)</a>.

## Competitive Grant Pre-Application Checklist

- PWS ID
- Active PWS Status in MNDWIS
- DWSMA ID(s) (This includes other PWS DWSMAs that your PWS may be located within)
- DWSMA Vulnerability (This includes other PWS DWSMAs that your PWS may be located within) Identify costs associated with the project
- Measure number and language from Wellhead Protection Plan, Action Plan, or Surface Water Intake Protection Plan
- Relevant correspondence with MDH or MRWA TAP staff
- Source Water Protection Transient and Competitive Grant Project Evaluation Form

- NOV (If applicable) with project evaluation form
- APO (If applicable) with compliance agreement and project evaluation form
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form (Linked within application)

## Starting the Competitive Grant Application

To get to the competitive grant application, you will need to go to the "Apply for Funding" page. You will need to scroll through resource documents, information about what activities is grant eligible, and grant types to get to the green "Apply for Competitive Grant" button on the bottom of the page.

not a community or noncommunity nontransient public water supplier has a wellhead protection plan in place;

• Support management of a potential contamination source that presents a high risk to a source of drinking water as determined by the MDH;

• Have a maximum amount of \$10,000, which may be increased to \$30,000 when three or more public water suppliers apply under the same application; and

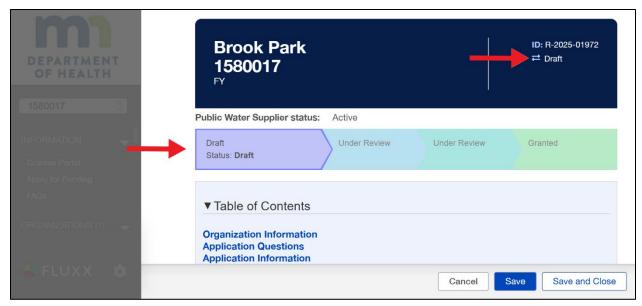
• Must include an equal financial cost share amount.

Frequently Asked Questions about Competitive Grants

Apply for Competitive Grant

Apply For Competitive Grant Button

The top of the application has information about your PWS, the fiscal year, and what stage you are in with your application. Below that is a bar that shows what stage your application is in, and the next stages. The table of contents lists what type of information may be required for your application.



Where To Find Your Application Stage

Tip: Before beginning your application, gather the information and documentation you will need. You can save a draft application and return to it later to continue working on it.

## **Organization Information**

This section is mostly prefilled, but primary contact and signatory contact can be edited via the drop-down menu

You will need to fill out the text box asking for your support staff details.

Tip: Your "support staff information" is your Sanitarian, Engineer, MRWA Planner, and/or MDH Planner.

## **Application Questions**

Answer the questions in this section using the drop-down menus.

## **Application Information**

Use the text box to write a brief project summary

## **Examples of a Brief Project Summary:**

- Hire consultant to update PCSI
- Purchase and install a transfer switch and wiring for a future generator
- Purchase and install security cameras to protect the well site
- Drill a back-up well
- Remove pump and seal Well #2
- Continue investigation of two or three prospective future municipal well location properties
- Construct a new six inch well at a depth of 120ft
- Seal old well

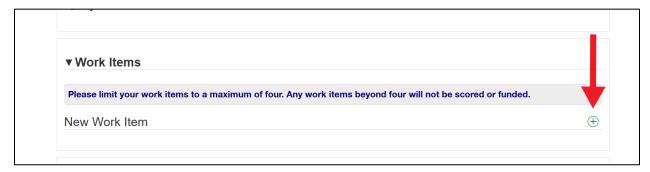
After the Project Summary, you will need to use the drop-down menu to answer whether you are requesting a grant to install treatment for a contaminant and if you are using the grant to complete an item on your sanitary survey. You can only answer "Yes" or "No".

Tip: To select your answer for whether you are under any violation, you must click on your answer to highlight it and then use the arrows to move your answer from the left box to the right. Only pick one answer.

### **Work Items**

Tip: You can only apply for four work items on an application.

When you click the "+" sign on the right side of the Work Items text box, a new window will appear with more questions. **All of these questions are required.** These questions can be answered using the drop-down menus and text boxes.



Green "+" Button

Note: Competitive grants may select any of the below work item types.

You will need to choose the type of work item. There are three to choose from:

**Management Strategies:** Use this if you are applying for a grant to implement a Wellhead Protection Measure. The management strategies work item type is only for PWSs that are applying for a grant to implement management strategies within MDH approved Wellhead Protection Plans, Wellhead Protection Action Plans or Surface Water Intake Protection Plans.

The management strategies list drop down contains a sub-set of the Minnesota Department of Health's Management Strategies catalog. If your wellhead plan has the same measure or management strategy (which can be easily referenced by the numbering system), please select an option from the list below. Most Wellhead Protection Plans, and Action Plans will not have the same strategy language. As such, select "Other" to type in the management strategy that you are applying for.

**Sanitary Surveys:** Use this if you are applying for a grant to implement an activity for your sanitary survey. This is not a comprehensive list of actions/items in the sanitary survey. This is an updated list of SWP Grant Eligible Sanitary Survey Codes as found on the back of the project evaluation form. If your sanitary survey has the same actions/items (comment, requirement, recommendation, deficiency, or significant deficiency) please select an option from the list.

**Common Activities:** Select this option if you are not addressing an action/item from your sanitary survey or management strategy/measure from your wellhead protection plan, action plan, or surface water intake protection plan. Common Activities is only a list of the grant work items that are commonly applied for. It is not an exhaustive list. If you do not find something on this list that matches your grant work item, select "Other" to create your own.

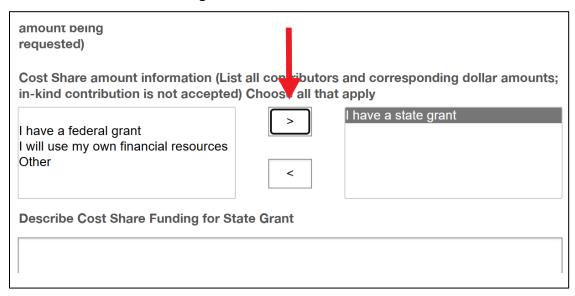
Use the text box to describe the work that will be performed. If your description is more than 2,000 characters you will need to attach a separate document in the "Grant Documents" section located later in the application.

The rest of the questions will need to be answered using the drop-down menus and text boxes. Once this is filled out, do not exit out of the window without clicking the "Save" button on the bottom right.

### **Amounts**

Decimals can be used in the text boxes to show exact amount of money.

The ">" and "<" buttons need to be used in the Cost Share Amount question to move your choice to the answer box on the right side.



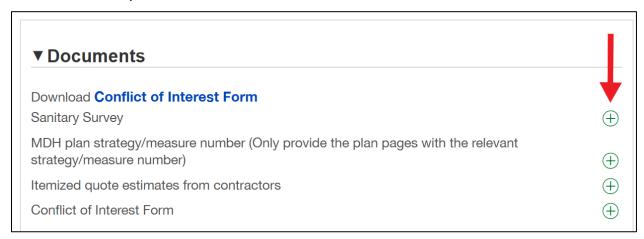
Arrows for Choosing Answer

#### **Documents**

This section allows you to upload documents for your application. The documents that can be uploaded are Sanitary Surveys, MDH plan strategies/measure numbers, itemized quote estimates from contractors, and the conflict of interest form.

Tip: You can download the Conflict of Interest form at the top of this section.

To upload the document, click the green "+" sign on the right side of the screen. There is a button that corresponds with each document.



Green Plus Sign Location

When you click this button, a new window will appear:



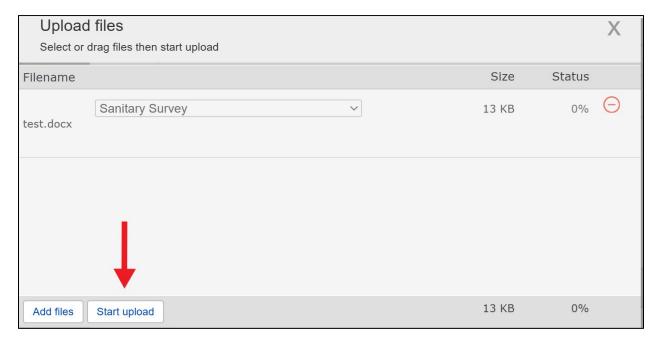
**Upload Files Window** 

You can either drag your intended files into the grey field or click "add files" on the bottom left corner.



Add Files Button

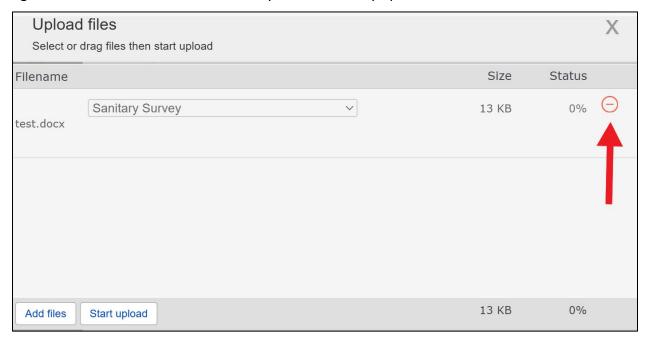
After you have added your files, you must click the "start upload" button. You can only click start upload after your file has been added.



Start Upload Button

Check your files to make sure they are uploaded as the correct document type. Even though a drop-down menu appears after adding your file, you cannot change document type if you use the "+" buttons specifically there for Sanitary Survey, MDH plan strategy/measure number, Itemized quote estimates, and Conflict of Interest Forms. If you add a document through the "Grant Documents" section, you have the option to choose.

If you realize you added the wrong document, you can remove it using the red "-"button to the right of the window. This works even if you have already uploaded the document.



Remove File Button

Note: There are no settings to control the scroll bars in the work items drop downs. This will depend on how zoomed in you are in each browser/ screen resolution/ etc. because the values for the fields are so long.

### **Grant Documents**

This section allows you to upload any supporting documents you might like to include. The types of documents you can upload in the "Grant Documents" section are:

- Additional Work Item Narrative (If additional space is needed)
- Alternate Source Evaluation (Required for treatment)
- Application Budget
- Compliance Agreement (Required if your system is under an APO or NOV)
- Conflict of Interest Form (Required)
- Itemized Quote Estimates from Contractors (Recommended but not required)
- MDH Plan Strategy/Measure Number (Required if applying to implement a WHP plan strategy/measure)
- NOV (Required if your system is under a NOV)
- Other Documents
- Project Evaluation (Requirement is dependent upon work item and other documentation types)
- Sanitary Survey (Required if applying to implement item/action from Sanitary Survey)

Not every document listed above are required for your application. However, they can strengthen your application. The documents you would include will depend on the work you are doing.

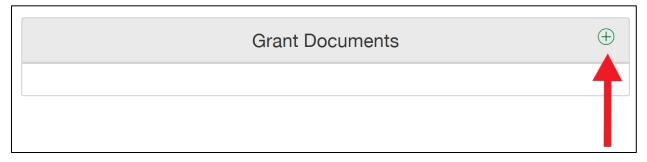
## **Required Documentation**

The Conflict of Interest form is required. See below for additional required supporting documentation. (**Must upload at least one of the following options**) Without supporting documentation, the application will be disqualified.

- Sanitary survey
- MDH approved WHP plan/Action Plan/ Intake protection plan and Management Strategy/Measure number
- Project evaluation form. The Project evaluation form must be completed by the MDH or MRWA staff or local program assigned to the district where the PWS is located
- NOV with Project evaluation form
- APO with Compliance agreement and Project evaluation form

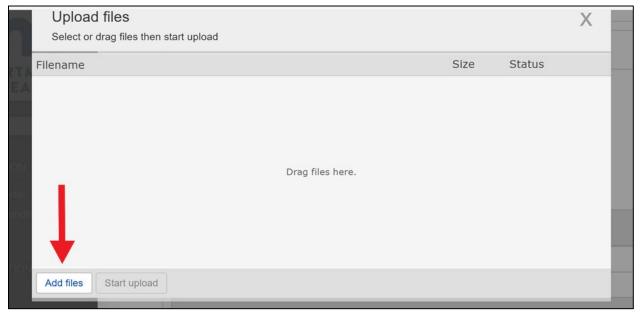
## Note: The "Conflict of Interest" form will always be required.

To upload these documents, click the green "+" sign to the right of the Grant Documents title.



Green Add Button

A new window will pop up that gives you the option to add your file.



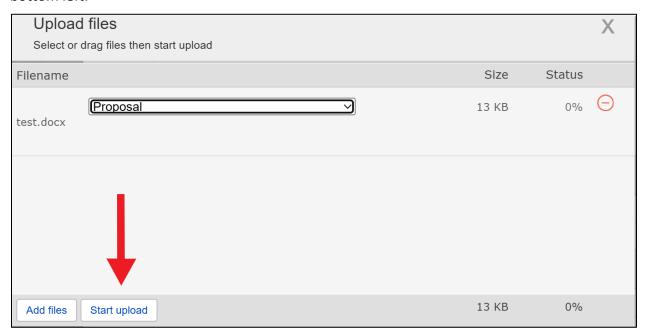
Add Files Button

After the file has been added, select the document type.



Drop-Down Menu for Document Type

Once you have added your file and chosen the document type, click "Start upload" on the bottom left.



Start Upload Button

Tip: You can upload multiple documents. Once you have clicked "Start upload" for your first document, you can start over by clicking "Add files" again.

If you realize you added the wrong document, you can remove it using the red "-"button to the right of the window. This works even if you have already uploaded the document.



Remove File Button

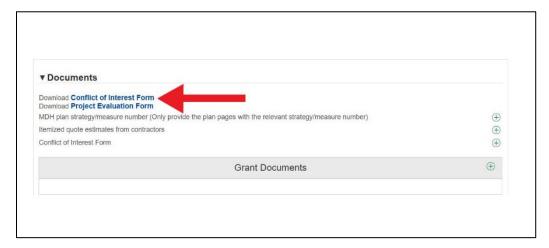
Tip: Before submitting your application, make sure all the files you uploaded are the correct ones.

## **Documents**

## How to Fill Out the Conflict of Interest Form

## **Getting a Copy of the Form**

If you do not already have a copy of the Conflict of Interest form, scroll down to the "Documents" section in your grant application. You will see a link to download at the top of the section. It will look like this:



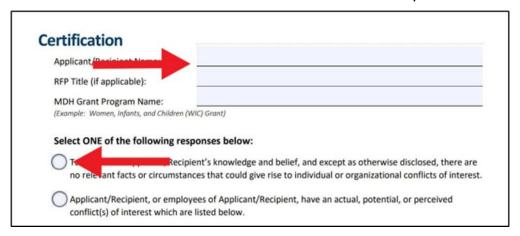
Conflict of Interest Form Link

When you click on the link, a PDF version will automatically download onto your computer.

## **Options for Filling out Conflict of Interest Form**

There are two main options for filling out this form:

- 1. You can print out the form, fill it out by hand, and then scan the document into your device.
- 2. You can use a PDF editor to complete the form on your computer. MDH uses Adobe, but you can use any PDF editor your PWS has. If you choose to use a PDF editor, open your document within the editing application. Most PDF editors highlight the parts of the form you are supposed to fill out. For example, in Adobe Acrobat the text boxes and check boxes are highlighted in a light blue. Following the form's directions, go through the document and use the text boxes and check boxes to select your answers.



Highlighted Text Boxes and Check Boxes within Adobe

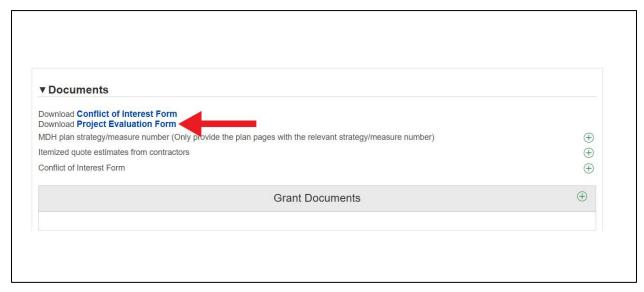
To upload your completed file to the application, click the green "+" button. After clicking the green "+" sign, a new window will pop up. Click "Add files" on the lower left of the window to choose the files from your computer.

Once your file has been added, you will need to click the "Start Upload" button. **Do not exit out of the window before clicking "Start Upload" or your files will not save.** After you get the alert that your upload is complete on the bottom of the window, you may exit.

# How to Fill Out the Project Evaluation Form

## **Getting a Copy of the Form**

If you do not already have a copy of the Project Evaluation form, scroll down to the "Documents" section in your grant application. You will see a link to download at the top of the section. It will look like this:



Project Evaluation Form Link

The project evaluation form downloads as a Word document. From here, you can fill out the form on your desktop or print it out, fill out the information, and then scan it back onto your computer.

To upload your completed file to the application, click the green "+" button. After clicking the green "+" sign, a new window will pop up. Click "Add files" on the lower left of the window to choose the files from your computer.

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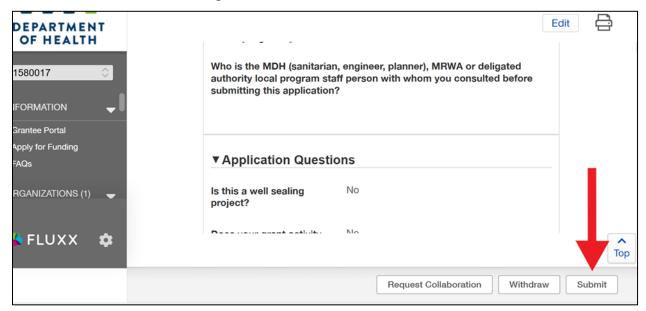
# Submit the Grant Application

After you get the required and supplemental information filled out, click "Save and Close" on the bottom right of the screen. This will bring you to a page where you can check for accuracy of your draft before submitting.



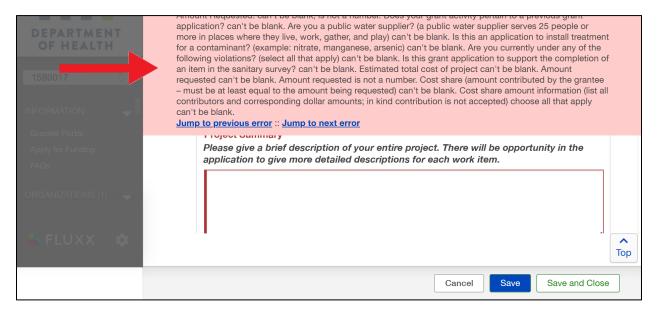
Save and Close Button

Click "Submit" on the bottom right of the screen.

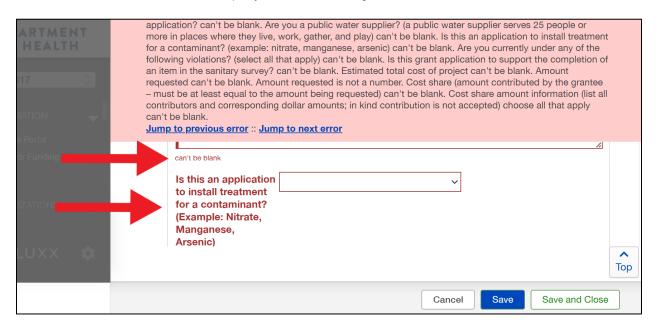


Submit Button

The final step is to make sure there are no errors. If you have errors within your application, a red box will pop up on the top of the screen explaining what you need to correct. It will also let you scroll through the application so you can see the see the sections you need to correct highlighted in red. Correct the errors, click "Save and Close", and then click "Submit" again.



Example of the red box describing errors



Example of errors highlighted within an application

Tip: There can be multiple errors within your application. The error text will show up every time you click "submit" until they are corrected. Your application stays in the draft stage until these errors are corrected and the application is fully submitted.

Once you have submitted your application, you will be able to check the status of it by going to the "Submitted Applications" page. This can be found under "Applications" on the navigation menu. There is a grey "Withdraw" button on the lower right side of the screen.

# Withdrawing Application

**Before Submitting Application** 

If you have started an application but have decided that it's not the right grant for you before submitting it, you can choose to "Withdraw" your application. To do this, you can go to the "Draft" page under "Applications" on the navigation menu.



Withdraw Button

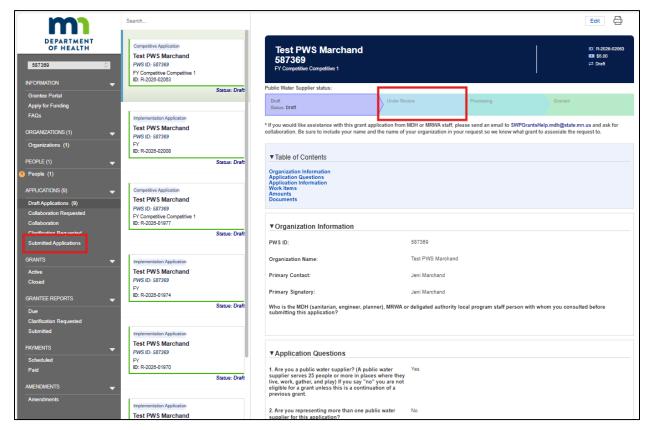
A window will pop up asking you to confirm that you want to withdraw your application. You can choose "Ok" or "Cancel". Once you have withdrawn your application, you will need to start a new application from the beginning if you want to apply again.

## After Submitting Application

If you have already submitted your application but need to withdraw it, please email <a href="mailto:swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us">swpgrantshelp.mdh@state.mn.us</a> to request help.

## **Under Review**

After your grant application has been submitted you can check the grant status by checking your application's status bar.



Location of submitted application (left bar) and under review status

Once your application has been received, it will go under review for scoring. If your application meets the minimum score and your grant application has been approved for funding, grant agreement signatures will need to be obtained.

## **Grant Agreement Form**

You will be emailed a link to sign the grant agreement form when it's time. The email will be from "DocuSign System" and will look like this:



**Grant Agreement Email** 

Click the green "Review Document" button to review and sign your agreement. A window will pop up asking you to review and continue. From here there are buttons to change the language you are reading the agreement in on the lower left, view other options, or click "Continue" on the lower right.

If you click the "Other Options" button on the lower right, you can:

- Opt to Finish Later
- Assign to Someone Else
- Decline to Sign
- View Session Information

If you click continue, you will be directed to the Grant Agreement form.

### **Cover Sheet**

Review your information on the first page's table to make sure it's correct. If something doesn't look right, use the contact information above the table to inform MDH.

Note: If any information in your grant agreement does not look correct, use the contact information on the cover sheet to let MDH know.

### **Recitals**

Please read through this section of the agreement to better understand MDH's vision of health equity and the grantee's responsibilities they are agreeing to.

## **Grant Agreement**

### **Terms of Agreement**

Read through this section to confirm the terms of your agreement. This section lists your:

- Effective Date
- Expiration Date
- Survival of Terms

Read through the rest of the sections to understand the terms of your agreement. This is important for you to be able to fully comply with the agreement.

Note: Your scope of work is located after the signature page. Be sure to read through this section before signing.

## How to Sign Grant Agreement Form

After you have fully read your agreement, and you agree to all the terms it is time to sign. You are only responsible for signing the Grantee portion (#25).

You can choose to sign using DocuSign, using software on your desktop, or by printing and signing with a pen. If you choose to sign by printing or using your desktop, you will upload the file once you are done. **Any of these three options are okay.** Use what is easiest for you.

## Signing via DocuSign

To sign, click the "Sign" button.



Sign Document Button

Note: If more than one person has been assigned to sign the agreement, the "Sign" button will be in a different color for everyone.

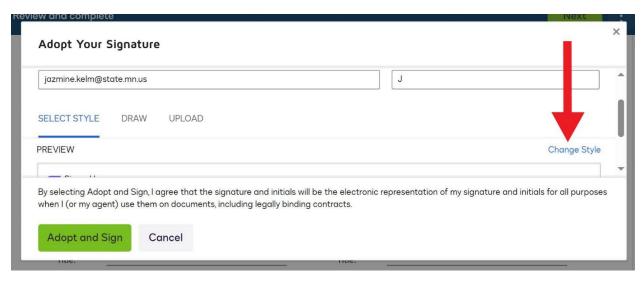
## Ways to Sign

You will need to type your full name and initials in the top two boxes. Your signature options are:

- Using a stylized text (Select Style)
- Drawing your signature (Draw)
- Uploading a premade signature (Upload)

### **Select Style**

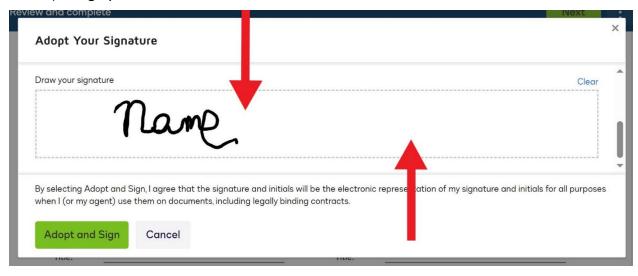
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Change Style Button

#### **Draw**

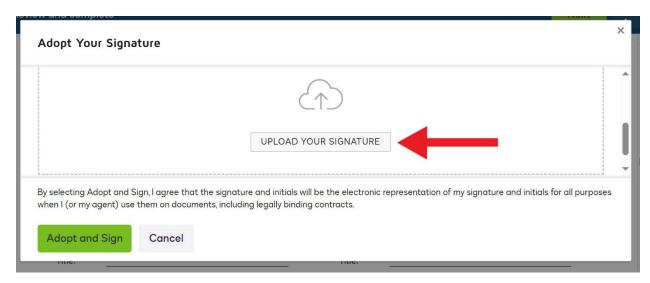
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Signature Box

## **Upload**

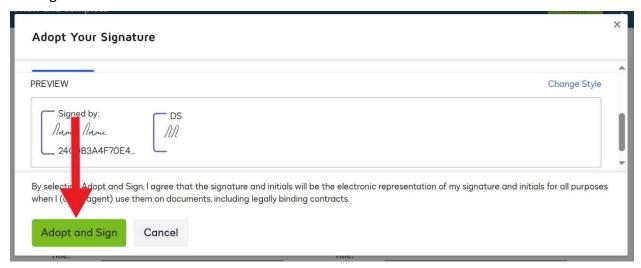
Use the upload your signature button to upload a premade signature from your desktop.



Upload Your Signature Button

## **Adopt and Sign**

After you have chosen your way to sign and completed your signature, click the green "Adopt and Sign" button.



Adopt and Sign Button

### **Fill Out Your Title**

Once you have adopted and signed, a text box will appear telling you to fill out your job title.

## **Examples of titles:**

- Wellhead protection manager
- City administrator
- Plan manager
- City of PWS Name Mayor
- Clerk-Treasurer



Filled Out Job Title Box

Note: You do not have to hit enter or click any buttons after filling out the job title. You only need to type it in. The date is automatically written in for you.

After signing and adding your title, click the green "Next" button on the top right of the screen.

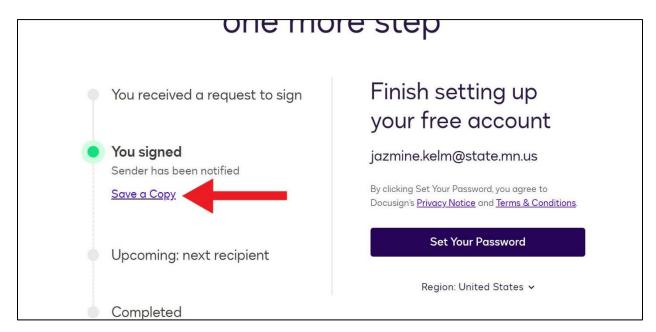


Next Button

You will get once last chance to review before clicking the green "Finish" button on the top right of the screen to submit your signed agreement to MDH.

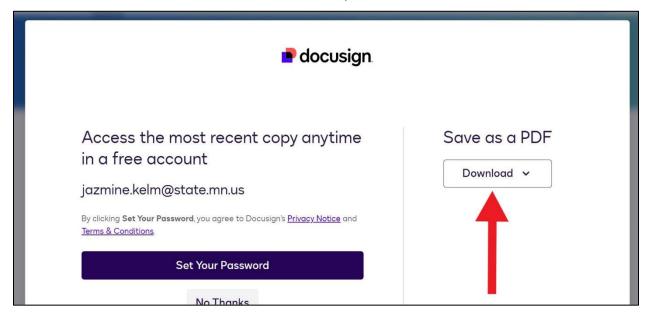
## Save a Copy

A new window will pop up giving you the option to save a copy of your new agreement.



Save a Copy Button

If you click that button, you will have the option to download a PDF copy on the right. The file can be downloaded as either a combined PDF or separate PDFs.



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### **Standard Grant Amendment**

The second page's table starts with a table with information about your:

- Grant Agreement Effective Date
- Original Grant Agreement Effective Date
- Current Grant Agreement Effective Date
- New Grant Agreement Effective Date
- Original Grant Agreement Amount

- Previous Amendment Amount(s)
- This Amendment Amount
- New Grant Agreement Total

### **Recitals**

Make sure #2 correctly lists who the grant is being amended to.

### **Grant Amendment**

Check to make sure the deleted terms are struck out and the added terms are underlined. The revisions will be numbered and listed.

### **Approved**

DocuSign will indicate where you will need to sign.

Note: Only sign after you have reviewed the entire amendment, and you agree to the terms. Directions for how to sign the agreement are in the section after this one.

## How to Sign Grant Agreement Amendment Form

Note: Only sign your agreement after you have reviewed the entire document. The section above this helps outline what you should specifically look at.

Once you have full reviewed your document for any errors, you will need to sign the document. The signature page is in the "Agreement" section on page four of the document. You only need to fill out the grantee section (#2).

To sign, click the "Sign" button.



Sign Document Button

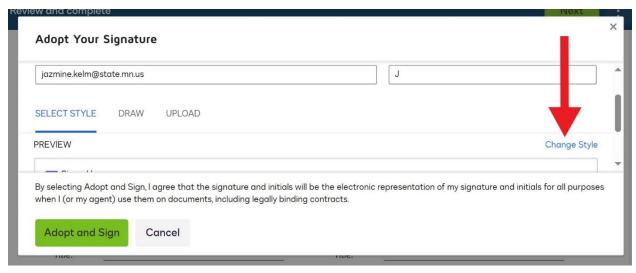
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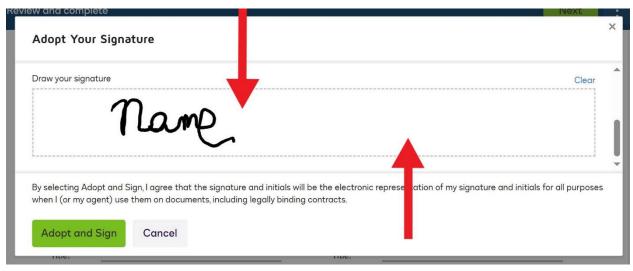
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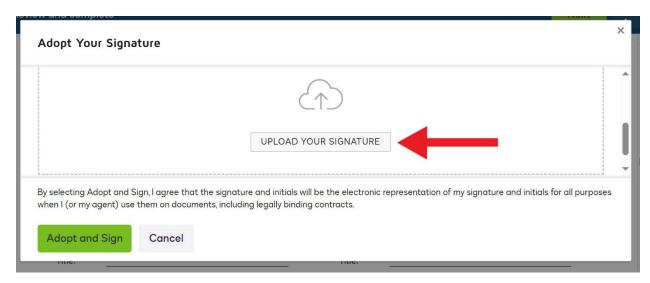
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Signature Box

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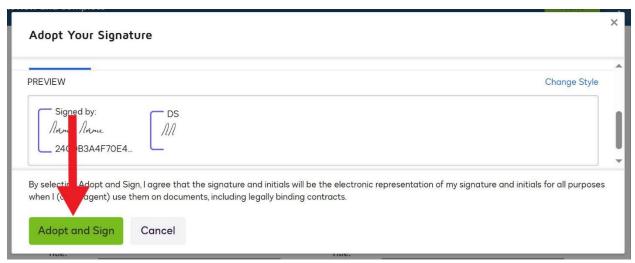
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Filled Out Job Title Box

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## **Submit Signed Amendment Agreement**

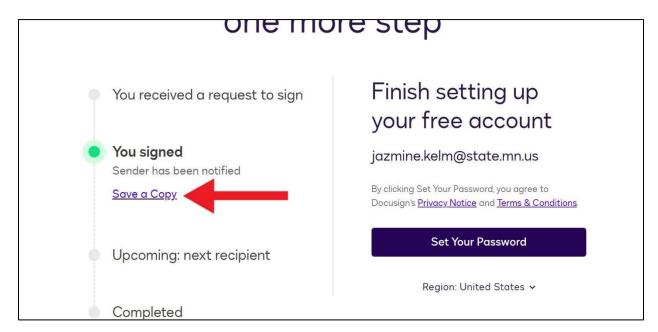
After everything has been filled out, click the green "Finish" button on the top right of your window.



Finish Signing Button

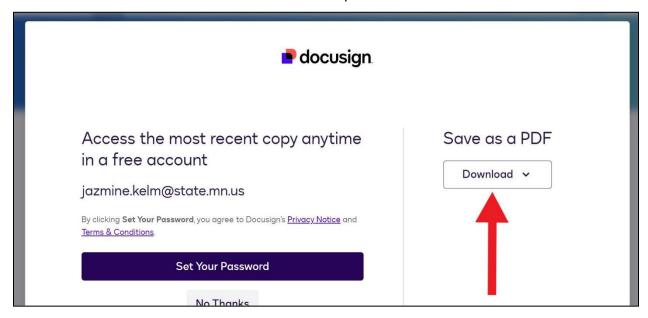
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Save PDF Copy Button

# Closeout

Important: Grants must be closed out prior to the funding end date as specified in the grant agreement. If the Invoice and Narrative report and invoices are not submitted before this date, the grantee forfeits payment. Additionally, the grantee may not be allowed to participate in the next grant cycle if all work items were not completed and the grantee cannot demonstrate the reasons were beyond their control.

## Closeout Checklist

These are the documents you may need to provide to your Grant Coordinator while closing out your grant:

- Signed and dated Invoice and Narrative Reports. These will be auto populated into your Fluxx account and can be seen in the navigation menu.
- All invoices pertaining to the grant duties completed can be uploaded into the Fluxx account.
- Well Boring and/or Well Sealing records if sealing or constructing a well

After your documents have been approved, your Grant Coordinator will email you to confirm reimbursement. The Grant Coordinator will mark your grant as "Completed" once all the closeout requirements have been met. You can now apply for another grant of the same grant type (Transient, Plan Implementation, Competitive) once the grant application period opens again.