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## How to Apply – IFA 40101(d) Grid Resilience Grants Round 2

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## Grantee Pre-Requisites:

- Organization must be registered in the GATA Grantee Portal.
- User must create a public.external.illinois.gov account.
- The public.external.illinois.gov account must be linked to the correct Organization in the GATA Grantee Portal.
- AmpliFund User access is managed in the GATA Grantee Portal.
  - Grantee must be granted access to AmpliFund and the Applicant Portal.
- Review the GATA website for more information: <https://gata.illinois.gov>.
  - GATA Grantee Portal: <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>.
  - GATA Grantee Portal FAQs: <https://gata.illinois.gov/grantee/grantee-portal-faq.html>.
  - AmpliFund Support Article: <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/enus/articles/27588129343507-How-to-Add-New-Users-as-a-Grantee-and-SingleSign-On-SSO-Process>.
- Contact OMB.GATA@illinois.gov with questions about the GATA Grantee Portal

# GATA Grantee Pre-Requisites

- Access the CSFA and a list of current funding opportunities here:  
<https://gata.illinois.gov/grants/csfa.html>
- Search “Grid” in the active programs box
- Select the program, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click on the NOFO
- Alternatively, “browse a list of current funding opportunities, and scroll down to “NOFO #IFA-GRID-02 Federal Formula Grant Funding: Section 40101(d) – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid.”

[CSFA Home](#)

## Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance

The Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) is a single, authoritative, statewide, comprehensive source document of State financial assistance program information.

**Disclaimer:** CSFA data is based on State Agency entries. Contact information for the assigned state agency representative is provided at the program level and at the state agency level.

### Active Programs and Awards

[Click here to browse a list of agencies that have active grant programs](#)

[Click here to browse a list of active grant programs](#)

[Click here to browse a list of current funding opportunities](#)

Search active programs :

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Search registered grantees :

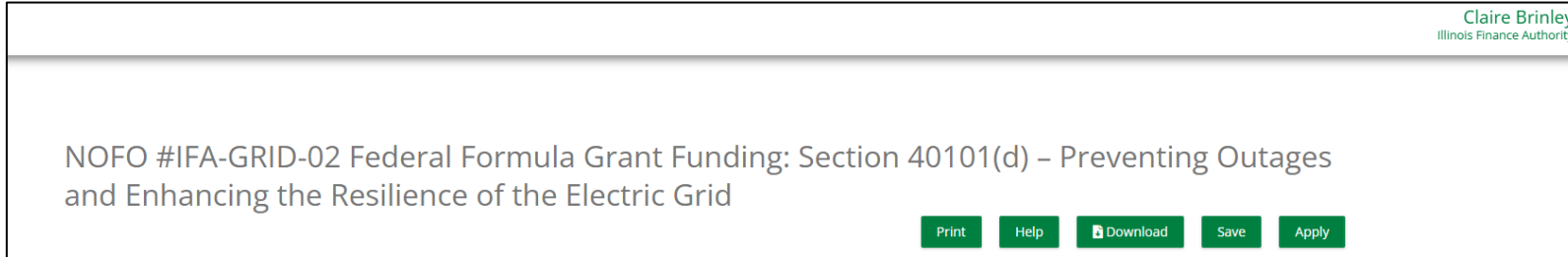
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To subscribe to a weekly mailing list of new opportunities, send a blank email message to: [subscribe-omb-gata-grants@lists.illinois.gov](mailto:subscribe-omb-gata-grants@lists.illinois.gov)

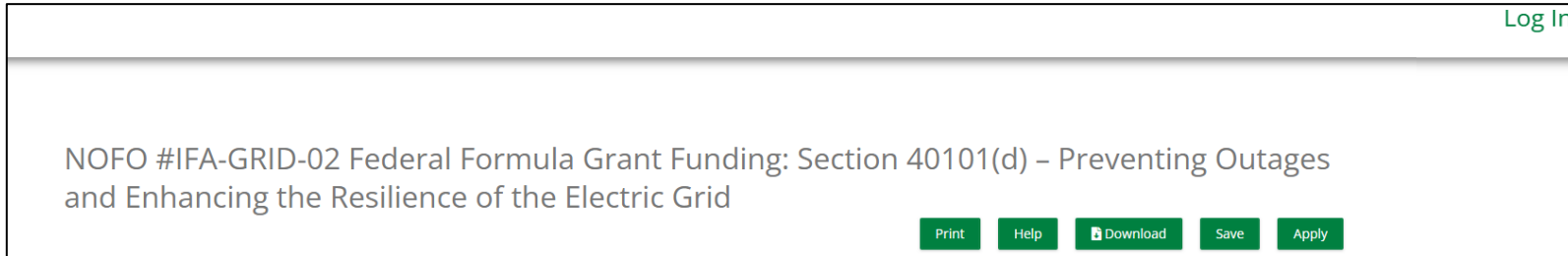
- Continue to the NOFO in AmpliFund.

# Applicant Portal – Log In

- Make sure you log in using your public.external.illinois.gov account.
- If you can see your name on the top right of the screen, you are logged in.



- If not, click log in on the top right of the screen.



- Select the Public option and enter your credentials.



# Navigation – Opportunity Details

- After accessing the public link via the CSFA or manually adding the URL, you will land on the Opportunity Details page in the Applicant Portal.
- Review the Details.
- If needed, click on the Download tab to download the application packet.

## NOFO #IFA-GRID-02 Federal Formula Grant Funding: Section 40101(d) – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid

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### Opportunity Information

CSFA Number	560-00-3393
CSFA Popular Name	40101(d) Grid Resilience
Title	NOFO #IFA-GRID-02 Federal Formula Grant Funding: Section 40101(d) – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid
Description	<p>Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), in its capacity as the Illinois Climate Bank (CB), invites project proposals under Illinois’ award for the 40101(d) Federal Formula Grant Program: Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid (Program). With this NOFO, IFA/CB invites eligible entities interested in applying for funding under this Program to file their pre-application proposals in compliance with the terms of this NOFO.</p> <p>IFA/CB reserves the right to revise any part of this NOFO by issuing addendum(s) at any time. Issuance of this NOFO, or subsequent addendum(s), if any, does not constitute a commitment by IFA/CB or the State of Illinois to fund any project. In addition, IFA/CB may cancel this NOFO at any time, without incurring any liability from responders or potential responders.</p> <p>Illinois 40101(d) Overall Objectives: In September 2023, Illinois was announced as one of the recipients of an award in the first award cycle of the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The U.S. Department of Energy (US DOE) awarded \$24,549,822 to the State of Illinois for the first three years (FY2022, 2023 and 2024) of the five-year Program.</p> <p>The award is designed to strengthen and modernize Illinois’ power grid and to provide a reliable power infrastructure to all communities to have access to affordable, reliable, and clean electricity, focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reliability and resiliency improvements in Equity Investment Eligible Communities (EIECs) that align with potential climate change impacts.</li><li>• Grid investments that support environmental objectives such as reducing emissions and leveraging nature-based solutions.</li><li>• Cost-saving measures that prioritize low- and moderate-income residents to lower their energy burden.</li><li>• Supporting equity through building awareness in frontline communities, increasing access and opportunities for residents and businesses in EIECs, and supporting communities and small utilities in planning and investing in resiliency.</li><li>• Ensuring safe operations and supporting the preparation of the workforce for emerging technology opportunities.</li></ul>

# Navigation – Apply

- When ready, click on Apply.
- Land on the Project Information page.

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### Opportunity Information

CSFA Number 560-00-3393

CSFA Popular Name 40101(d) Grid Resilience

Title NOFO #IFA-GRID-02 Federal Formula Grant Funding: Section 40101(d) – Preventing Outages and

Description Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), in its capacity as the Illinois Climate Bank (CB), invites project proposals for the Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid (Program). With this NOFO Program to file their pre-application proposals in compliance with the terms of this NOFO.

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- Grid investments that support environmental objectives such as reducing emissions and leveraging
- Cost-saving measures that prioritize low- and moderate-income residents to lower their energy
- Supporting equity through building awareness in frontline communities, increasing access and
- and small utilities in planning and investing in resiliency.
- Ensuring safe operations and supporting the preparation of the workforce for emerging technologies

## NOFO #IFA-GRID-02 Federal Formula Grant Funding: Section 40101(d) – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid



### Project Information

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#### Application Information

Application Name \*

Pre-Qualification Status Not Qualified

#### How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested \*

#### How much are you planning to contribute to the budget?

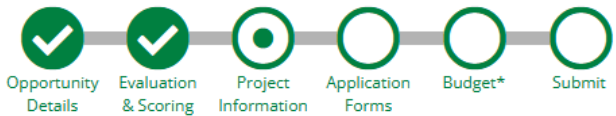
Cash Match Requirement  ⓘ

Cash Match Contributions \*

# Navigation Continued

- All navigation sections on the top of the screen must be complete before submitting your application (hit “Mark as Complete” in addition to “Save and Continue” if you’re finished with a section).
- Each circle should be green with a white checkmark, like the Opportunity Details section below. You can still reopen sections after marking them as complete, if desired.
- Navigate to different sections of the application by clicking on the desired navigation section.

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Opportunity Details Evaluation & Scoring Project Information Application Forms Budget\* Submit

Project Information

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# Project Information – Cost Match

## ***\*\*Please review the Notice of Funding Opportunity regarding your required cost match\*\****

- Example: You are requesting \$1,500,000 in federal funding for your project.
- **If you are a Small Utility:** you must provide a non-federal cost match of \$225,000 (15%) plus \$500,000 (1/3) for your project, so your total cost match would be \$725,000.
- **If you are a Large Utility or any other Eligible Entity that is not a Small Utility:** you must provide a non-federal cost match of \$1,225,000 (115%). Enter the appropriate cost match based on the example above.

How much are you requesting from the funder?	
Award Requested *	<input type="text" value="\$1,500,000.00"/>
How much are you planning to contribute to the budget?	
Cash Match Requirement	\$0.00 ⓘ
Cash Match Contributions *	<input type="text" value="\$500,000.00"/>
In-Kind Match Requirement	\$0.00 ⓘ
In-Kind Match Contributions *	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Other Funding Requirement	\$0.00 ⓘ
Other Funding Contributions *	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
Total Award Budget	\$2,000,000.00



# Considerations

- Anything marked with an (\*) is required.
- All pages must be marked as complete and saved before submitting the application.
- Note that there is no cost matching requirement for this grant. Leave any boxes related to cost matching or sharing blank.

## Project Information

### Application Information

Application Name \*

Pre-Qualification Status    Qualified

### How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested \*    \$0.00

Total Award Budget    \$0.00

Phone Number

Save

✓ Mark as Complete

Save & Continue

# Suggested Order of Operations

Find below a suggested order of operations when completing this application in AmpliFund:

- Project Information.
- Application Forms.
- Budget.
- Submit.

# Application Forms –How to Apply

- Land on the Application Form grid.
- Review the ability to download and print.
- Click on the How to Apply and complete all required fields.
- Click Mark as Complete and Save and Continue.

Forms

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Name	Status	Print
How to Apply		
Applicant Information, Certifications and Document Upload		
Uniform Grant Application - Applicant Completed Section		
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Save & Continue

How to Apply

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Resources

Download How to Apply PDF here.  
[How to Apply - IFA Electric Grid Opportunity 2.pdf](#)

Access the Recipient Core Series How to Apply Video here:  
<https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/27454533681683-11-11-2024-AmpliFund-Applciant-Portal-Application-Overview-and-Submission>

Applicant Certification

Certify that you have reviewed the How to Apply resources above. \*

☐ Yes

Save✓ Mark as CompleteSave & Continue

# Application Forms – Uniform Grant Application

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Complete all required fields.
- Click Mark as Complete and Save and Continue.

Uniform Grant Application - Applicant Completed Section

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Download

Save

Save & Continue

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Applicant Information

Legal Name (Name used for UEI registration and grantee pre-qualification) \*

Common Name (DBA) \*

Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN,TIN) \*

Organizational UEI Number \*

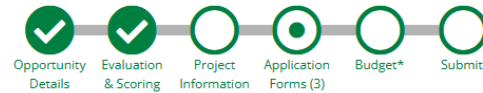
GATA ID (assigned through the grantee portal) \*

SAM Cage Code

# Application Forms – Applicant Information, Certifications, and Document Upload

- Read the instructions carefully.
- Under Part C, download Attachment A Template and the Budget Justification Template.
- Fill out all required fields and upload all required documents. Supporting documentation is **not** required.
- Click Mark as Complete and Save and Continue.

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## Applicant Information, Certifications and Document Upload

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### A. Lead Applicant Information and Qualifications

1) Eligible Applicant Type. \*

Select an item...

2) Lead Applicant Name \*

3) Lead Applicant Contact Person (name and title) \*

4) Lead Applicant Contact Phone \*

5) Lead Applicant Contact Email \*

6) Lead Applicant Address \*

### C. Required Document Upload

Upload Project Narrative here \*

Choose File

Upload Attachment A here \*

Choose File

Attachment A template

<https://illinoisclimatebank.com/financing-programs/municipal-cooperative-utilities/40101d-grid-resilience/>

Upload Budget Justification here \*

Choose File

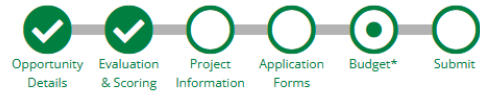
Budget Justification template

<https://netl.doe.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/Budget%20Justification-BIL%2040101d.xlsx>

# Budget Template

- Land on the Budget navigation item.
- Read instructions carefully.
- The total budget must match the amount requested on the “Project Information” page.

## NOFO #IFA-GRID-02 Federal Formula Grant Funding: Section 40101(d) – Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid



### Budget

#### Instructions

This form is used to apply to individual State of Illinois discretionary grant programs. Applicants should submit budgets based upon the total estimated costs for the project including all funding sources. Pay attention to applicable program-specific instructions, if attached. The applicant organization should refer to 2 CFR 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards" cited within these instructions.

**You must consult with your Business Office prior to submitting this form for any award restrictions, limitations or requirements when filling out the narrative and Uniform Budget Template.**

Although the degree of specificity of any budget will vary depending on the nature of the project and State of Illinois agency requirements, a complete, well-thought-out budget serves to reinforce your credibility and increase the likelihood of your proposal being funded. A well-prepared budget should be reasonable and demonstrate that the funds being asked for will be used wisely. The budget should be as concrete and specific as possible in its estimates. Make every effort to be realistic, to estimate costs accurately. Your budget should justify all expenses and be consistent with the program narrative.

You can add budget line items directly below.

[Help](#)[Download](#)[Save & Continue](#)

### Proposed Budget

#### Expense Budget

Category	Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
+ 1. Personnel (Salaries and Wages) (2 CFR 200.430)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 2. Fringe Benefits (2 CFR 200.431)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Test	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
+ 7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expense Budget Cost</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

#### Revenue Budget

Grant Funding		
Award Requested	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Non-Grant Funding		
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

**Total Revenue Budget Cost** **\$0.00**

**Total Overall Budget Cost** **\$1,000.00**

The grant funded total cannot exceed the award requested on the Project Information page.

The Total Overall Budget Cost must be \$0.00

[✓ Mark as Complete](#)[Save & Continue](#)

# Budget Template - Continued

- Click the “+” button next to a category to add a line item for that category. You can add multiple line items for each category.
- Fill out the required fields for each line item.

**Options**

☒ Line Items

Proposed Budget

**Expense Budget**

Category	Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
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+ 7. Consultant Services and Expenses (2 CFR 200.459)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 12. Training and Education (2 CFR 200.472)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 13. Direct Administrative Costs (2 CFR 200.413 (c))	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Indirect Cost (2 CFR 200.414)	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expense Budget Cost</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Revenue Budget**

<b>Grant Funding</b>		
Award Requested	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Non-Grant Funding</b>		
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue Budget Cost</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Overall Budget Cost</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

☒ Mark as Complete

Save & Continue

**New Line Item**

Budget Item Information

Category5. Supplies (2 CFR 200.94)

List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copying paper, and other expendable items such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project.

Item TypeDirect Cost Calculation

Calculation TypeQuantity x Rate

Name \*

Cost Rate \*

Quantity \*

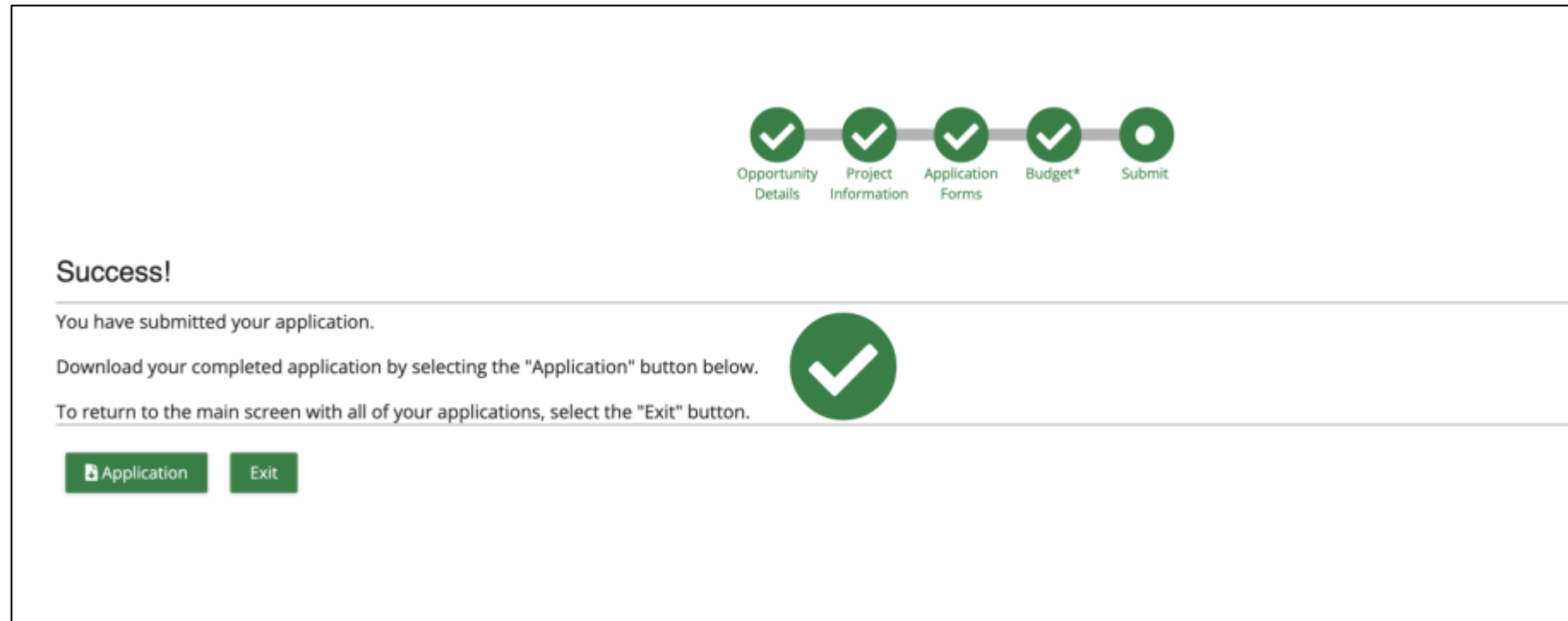
Direct Cost\$0.00

Total Budgeted\$0.00

Narrative \*

# Submission – Ready to Submit

- If the Application is complete, all navigation elements will be green with a checkmark.
- Click on the Submit button to submit the Application.
- AmpliFund will display a success message.
- Click the Application tab on the bottom left to download your Application if needed.








# Submission – Not Ready to Submit


- AmpliFund will display a validation error on the Submission page if there are any incomplete items or items not marked as complete.
- If so, navigate to the appropriate section by clicking the tab across the top of the screen.
- Complete the required information and Mark as Complete.
- Navigate back to the Submit tab across the top of the screen and click Submit.


## Illinois Solar for All Expansion: SolarApp+ Adoption and Implementation Grant

  
Opportunity  
Details

  
Project  
Information

  
Application  
Forms

  
Budget\*

  
Submit

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You are about to submit your application, , to **Illinois Finance Authority**.


Take the time to review your application by using the timeline above. You can select any section and jump to that page.

When the application is fully complete, please select the "Submit" button. This will submit your final application to the funder.

The Project Information has not been marked "Complete."

You have forms containing required fields which have not been completed.

You have forms that have not been completed.

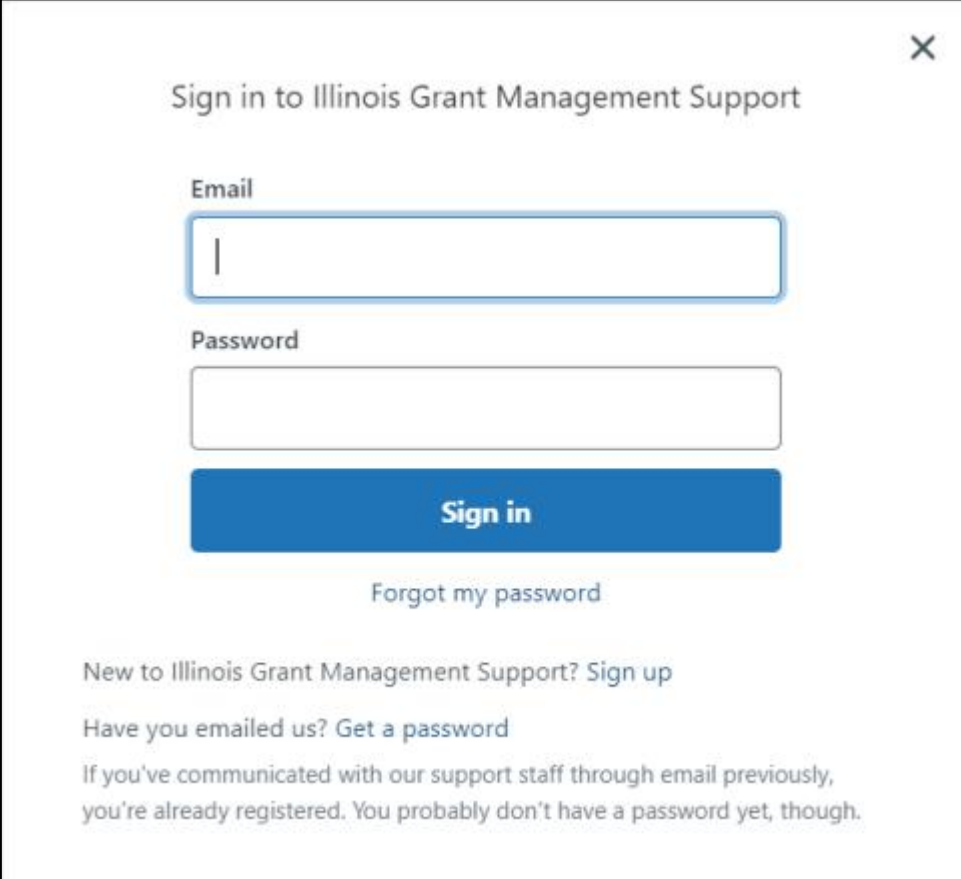
 Review

Submit

# Customer Support – Create Support Account

If you're having issues with submitting, you can reach out to AmpliFund customer support by creating an account following the steps below:

1. Go to <https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com>
2. Click the Sign up link
3. Enter your full name
4. Enter your email address
5. Complete the “I’m not a robot” check
6. Click the Sign up button
7. An email from support@zendesk.com will be sent to you via email
8. Click the link to set your password



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Sign in to Illinois Grant Management Support" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains two input fields: "Email" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a blue "Sign in" button. Under the button is a link that says "Forgot my password". At the bottom of the form, there is a section for new users: "New to Illinois Grant Management Support? Sign up", followed by a link "Have you emailed us? Get a password", and a paragraph: "If you've communicated with our support staff through email previously, you're already registered. You probably don't have a password yet, though."

# AmpliFund Illinois Support Portal

## Submit a support ticket:

[support@il-amplifund.zendesk.com](mailto:support@il-amplifund.zendesk.com)

## Visit the support portal:

<https://il-amplifund.zendesk.com>

## Supported Browsers:

- Google Chrome (current supported releases)
- Mozilla Firefox (current supported releases)
- Microsoft Edge (current supported releases)
- Apple Safari 10+

