



ILLINOIS
CLIMATE
BANK

How to Apply – IFA 40101(d) Grid Resilience Grants Round 3

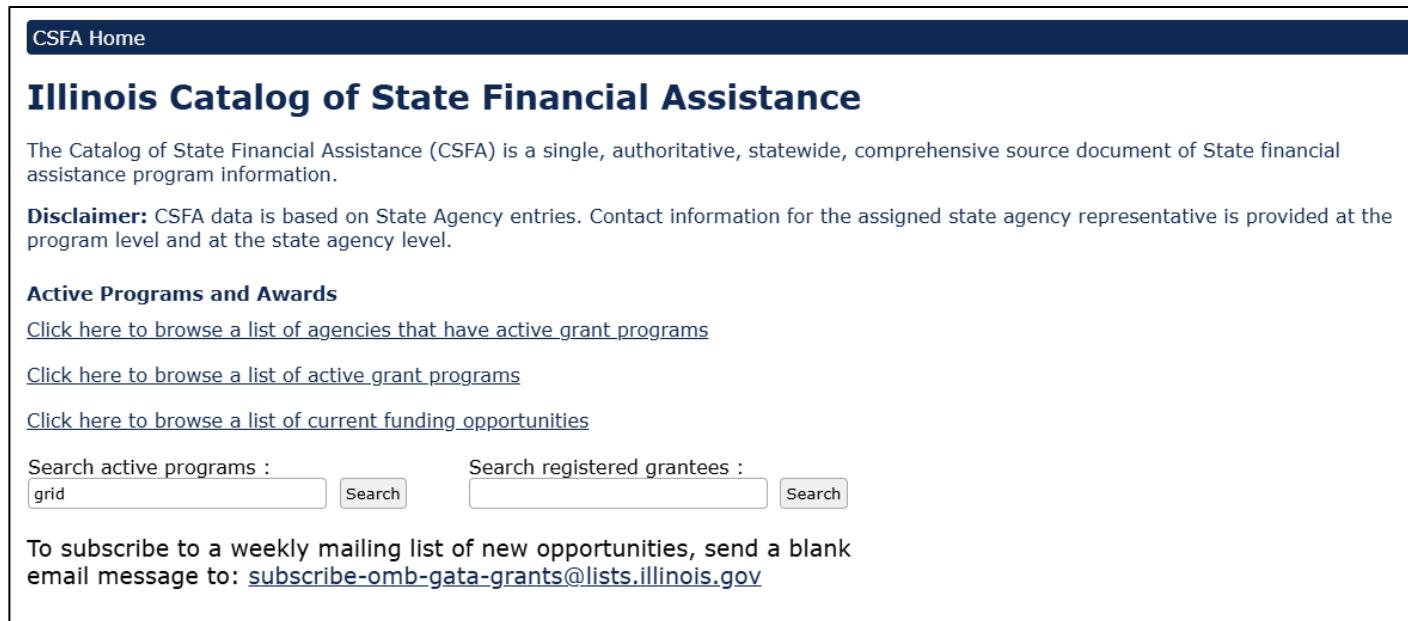
Issued January 30, 2026

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.”



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA). The header is dark blue with the text "CSFA Home" in white. Below the header, the title "Illinois Catalog of State Financial Assistance" is displayed in a large, bold, dark blue font. A descriptive paragraph follows, stating: "The Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA) is a single, authoritative, statewide, comprehensive source document of State financial assistance program information." A "Disclaimer" section below it states: "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." Under the "Active Programs and Awards" section, there are three links: "Click here to browse a list of agencies that have active grant programs", "Click here to browse a list of active grant programs", and "Click here to browse a list of current funding opportunities". At the bottom, there are two search boxes: "Search active programs : grid" and "Search registered grantees :". Both boxes have a "Search" button to their right. A note at the bottom encourages users to subscribe to a weekly mailing list: "To subscribe to a weekly mailing list of new opportunities, send a blank email message to: 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.



Claire Brinley
Illinois Finance Authority

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

Print Help Download Save Apply

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



Log In

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

Print Help Download Save Apply

- Select the Public option and enter your credentials.



ILLINOIS.gov
Authentication Portal

Sign in with one of these accounts

Public Account

Partner Account

Employee Account

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

[Print](#) [Help](#) [Download](#) [Save](#) [Apply](#)

[Opportunity Details](#) [Evaluation & Scoring](#)

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 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.

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.

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.

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:

- Reliability and resiliency improvements in Equity Investment Eligible Communities (EIECs) that align with potential climate change impacts.
- Grid investments that support environmental objectives such as reducing emissions and leveraging nature-based solutions.
- Cost-saving measures that prioritize low- and moderate-income residents to lower their energy burden.
- 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.
- Ensuring safe operations and supporting the preparation of the workforce for emerging technology opportunities.

Navigation - Apply

- When ready, click on Apply.
- Land 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

[Print](#) [Help](#) [Download](#) [Save](#) [Apply](#)

[Opportunity Details](#) [Evaluation & Scoring](#)

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 Illinois Finance Authority (IFA), in its capacity as the Illinois Climate Bank (CB), invites project proposals to prevent outages and enhance the resilience of the electric grid. With this NOFO Program, project proposers can file their pre-application proposals in compliance with the terms of this NOFO.
IFA/CB reserves the right to revise any part of this NOFO by issuing addendum(s) at any time. Issuance of an addendum 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 if it determines that no proposals are received.
Illinois 40101(d) Overall Objectives: In September 2023, Illinois was announced as one of the recipients of Formula Grants Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The U.S. Department of Energy (FY2022, 2023 and 2024) of the five-year Program.
The award is designed to strengthen and modernize Illinois' power grid and to provide a reliable and clean electricity, focusing on the following:

- Reliability and resiliency improvements in Equity Investment Eligible Communities (EIECs) that are disproportionately impacted by climate change.
- Grid investments that support environmental objectives such as reducing emissions and leveraging renewable energy sources.
- Cost-saving measures that prioritize low- and moderate-income residents to lower their energy costs.
- Supporting equity through building awareness in frontline communities, increasing access and availability of energy services, 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



[Opportunity Details](#) [Evaluation & Scoring](#) [Project Information](#) [Application Forms](#) [Budget*](#) [Submit](#)

Project Information

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

Application Information

Application Name *

Pre-Qualification Status Not Qualified

How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested * \$0.00

How much are you planning to contribute to the budget?

Cash Match Requirement \$0.00

Cash Match Contributions * \$0.00

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.

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



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

Project Information

Help Download Save Save & Continue

*****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 *	\$1,500,000.00
How much are you planning to contribute to the budget?	
Cash Match Requirement	\$0.00 ⓘ
Cash Match Contributions *	\$500,000.00
In-Kind Match Requirement	\$0.00 ⓘ
In-Kind Match Contributions *	\$0.00
Other Funding Requirement	\$0.00 ⓘ
Other Funding Contributions *	\$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 Unqualified

How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested *

Total Award Budget

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		
Name	Status	Print
How to Apply		
Applicant Information, Certifications and Document Upload		
Uniform Grant Application - Applicant Completed Section		
<p>1 of 3</p> <p>Save & Continue</p>		

How to Apply

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-Applicant-Portal-Application-Overview-and-Submission>

Applicant Certification

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

Yes

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

2 of 4

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

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

Application Forms – Applicant Information, Certifications, and Document Upload

- Read the instructions carefully and fill out all required fields.
- Under Part C, download all attached documents:
 - Attachment A Template
 - Budget Justification Template
 - Cost Commitment Letter Template
 - Environmental Questionnaire Template
- Complete and upload the required documents. Supporting documentation is *not* required.
- Click Mark as Complete and Save and Continue.

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

Opportunity Details Evaluation & Scoring Project Information Application Forms (3) Budget* Submit

Download Save Save & Continue

Applicant Information, Certifications and Document Upload
2 of 3

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 *

Upload Attachment A here *

Attachment A template
<https://illinoiscclimatebank.com/financing-programs/municipal-cooperative-utilities/40101d-grid-resilience/>

Upload Budget Justification here *

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

Information provided by AmpliFund

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

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

Help Download Save & Continue

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.

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
Total Expense Budget Cost	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Revenue Budget

Grant Funding

Award Requested	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00

Non-Grant Funding

Subtotal	\$0.00
-----------------	---------------

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
+ 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)	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ 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
Total Expense Budget Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00

Revenue Budget

Grant Funding		
Award Requested	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Grant Funding		
Subtotal		\$0.00

Total Revenue Budget Cost **\$0.00**

Total Overall Budget Cost **\$0.00**

✓ Mark as Complete **Save & Continue**

New Line Item

Budget Item Information

Category **5. 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 Type Direct Cost Calculation

Calculation Type Quantity x Rate

Name *

Cost Rate * \$0.00

Quantity * 0

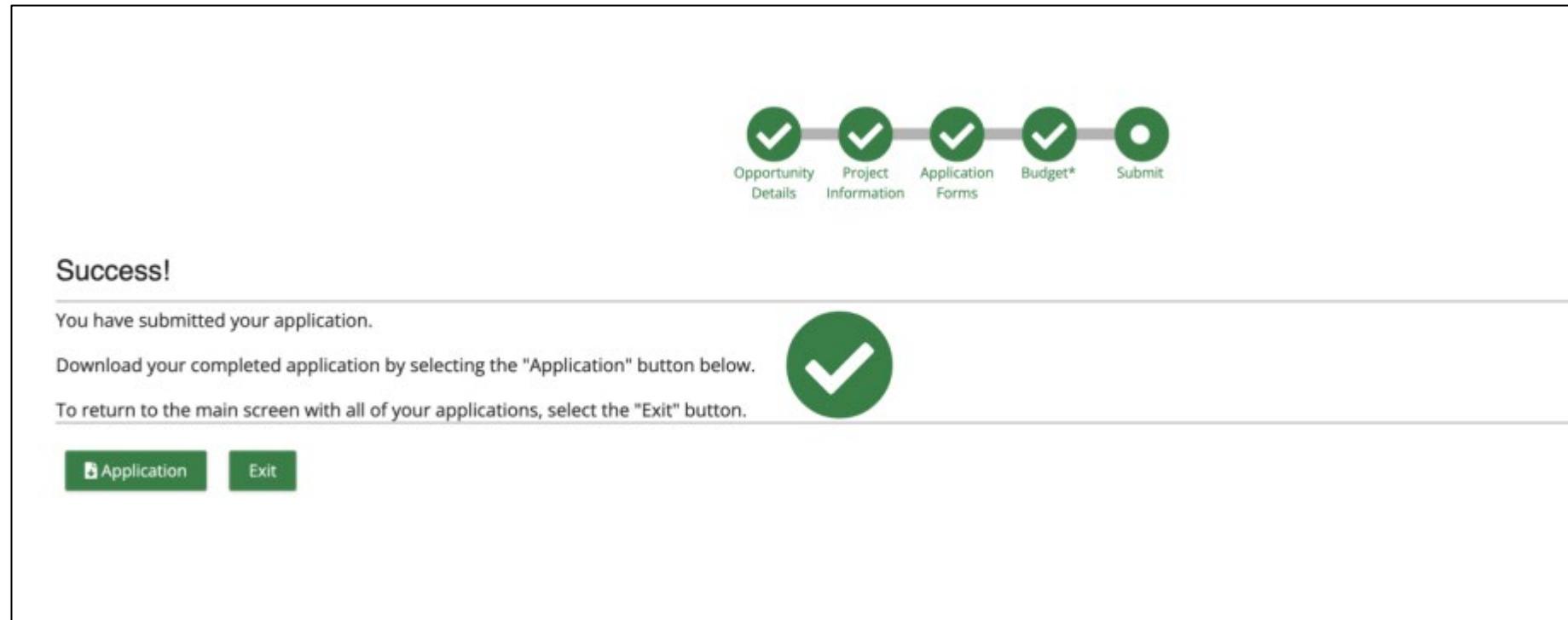
Direct Cost \$0.00

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

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.

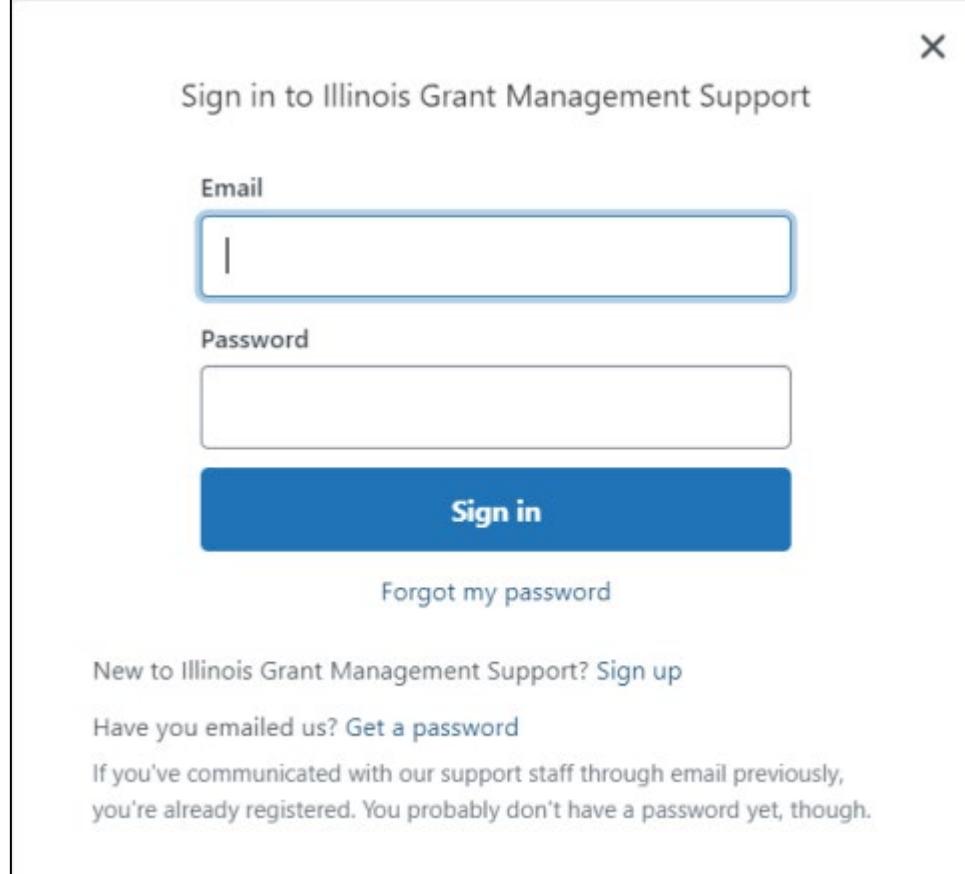
You have forms that have not been completed.

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



Sign in to Illinois Grant Management Support

Email

Password

Sign in

[Forgot my password](#)

New to Illinois Grant Management Support? [Sign up](#)

Have you emailed us? [Get a password](#)

If you've communicated with our support staff through email previously, you're already registered. You probably don't have a password yet, though.

Submit a support ticket:

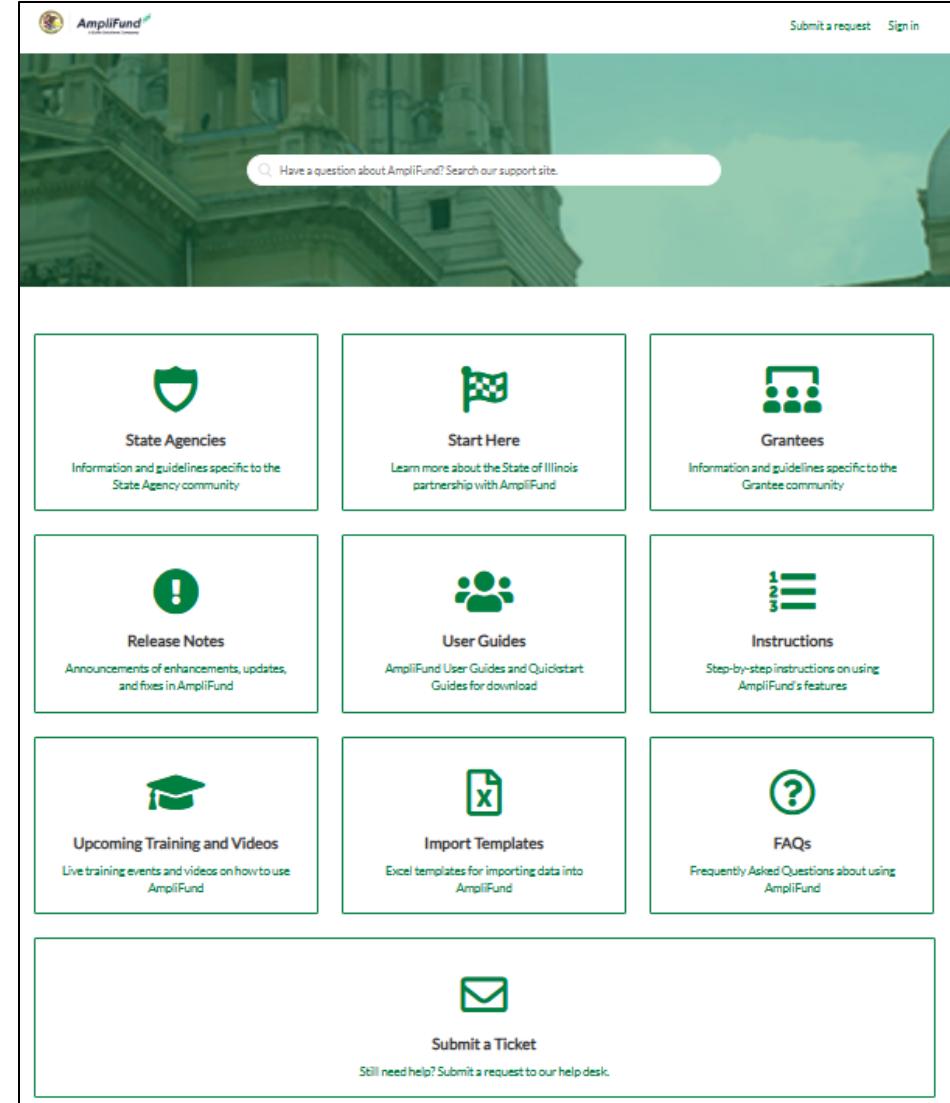
support@il-amplifund.zendesk.com

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+



The screenshot shows the AmpliFund Illinois Support Portal homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AmpliFund logo, a search bar containing the placeholder "Have a question about AmpliFund? Search our support site.", and links for "Submit a request" and "Sign in". Below the navigation bar is a large image of the Illinois State Capitol building. The main content area is organized into a grid of 11 boxes, each with an icon and a title. The boxes are arranged in three rows: the first row has three boxes labeled "State Agencies", "Start Here", and "Grantees"; the second row has three boxes labeled "Release Notes", "User Guides", and "Instructions"; the third row has three boxes labeled "Upcoming Training and Videos", "Import Templates", and "FAQs". At the bottom of the grid is a large, empty box with a mail icon and the text "Submit a Ticket" and "Still need help? Submit a request to our help desk.".