

Online application user guide 2026

**Application deadline: 10.00, Monday 28 September
2026**

Introduction to this user guide

This guide takes you through the process of registration, logging in, site navigation, and completing and submitting your application. It should be read alongside other guidance documents including the application guidelines and the model application on our [resources page](#).

You apply through a web portal called Blackboard Grantmaking (BBGM). This portal helps you to manage your application by providing a dashboard where you can view the status of your application and any supporting documents all in one place.

You will be able to save and come back as many times as you like to your application form before you submit it, and you can receive updates on the status of your application. BBGM will also allow us to provide you with support throughout the process.

1. Registration

To apply online, you do so through the [WCGL website](#). Navigate to the 'How to apply tab' under 'Applying' and follow the steps.

You will be taken to the Blackbaud Grantmaking (BBGM) portal where you may need to create a new account or login.

How do I create an account?

To create an account, follow the steps below:

1. Select to continue with your Email
2. Enter in a valid email address
3. Click send verification code to verify your email address
4. Enter the one time passcode to confirm your email
5. Enter in a valid password

Tip: Password requirements: At least 12 or more characters, with at least one uppercase, lowercase, number, and special character.

7. Enter first and last name
8. Click the button Sign Up to create the account

You should receive the confirmation email within a few minutes of the request. If your confirmation or invitation emails are not delivering to your mail inbox, follow these troubleshooting steps:

1. Check your junk or spam folder.
2. Delete your cookies
3. Try using an email address associated with a person (e.g. jane@company.co.uk), rather than a generic business email address (e.g. admin@company.co.uk). These email addresses may get blocked for security reasons.
4. Navigate to [app.blackbaud.com](#) > Click continue with email > Enter your email address > Click the Forgot Password link to begin the password reset process.

To ensure that you receive all correspondence relating to your application, please save the following email address within your contacts:

[noreply@yourcause.com](#). Otherwise, some important emails may go to your junk/spam folder.

2. Logging in

Once registered, you can log in to your dashboard area by clicking on the link provided in your verification email. You will be asked to enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your login

information you can reset your password by clicking on the 'Forgot your password?' link. Once logged in, you will be able to access your dashboard where you will find your in progress application.

of what you will see once you have logged into your account.

3. Dashboard

Your dashboard will display your application that you have started, and any that are in progress (on that basis that you may have applied for other grants through Groundwork). The image below is an example

My Applications

Search by organisation name or application ID		6 statuses selected	
 Application ID: 1800650	Community Ideas Grants View Guidelines Tom Lowe on behalf of GROUNDWORK WEST LONDON		● Draft
	Community Ideas Grants - Eligibility Checker Community Ideas Grants - Application Form	🕒 Submitted on 18 Jul 2025 📄 Draft on 18 Jul 2025	
	Created on 18 Jul 2025		Manage ▾
 Application ID: 1800505	Walking & Cycling Grants London View Guidelines Tom Lowe on behalf of GROUNDWORK WEST LONDON		● Draft
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	Created on 18 Jul 2025		Manage ▾

4. Applying online

The online application form has seven sections:

1. Applicant details
2. Project description
3. Participants and recruitment
4. Project plan and calendar
5. Grant budget breakdown
6. Data protection
7. Declaration

You should complete each section in this order, moving onto the next section once you have completed and **saved** the previous one. You can browse through all sections to see all the questions at any time.

The application saves automatically when you complete a question and move onto the next one.

If you select the 'Applications' button in the top left-hand corner of the page you will be taken to the dashboard.

The Application will highlight any missing information on each section if they are not completed.

You can edit your responses in any completed sections by re-entering the details. Once you complete the 'Declaration' section (part 7) and all the questions marked with a red asterisk (*), you can review your answers before submitting the form. Once submitted, your application can no longer be edited.

Once you have submitted your application its status will be changed to 'Submitted' with a date this was submitted on. You can log in to

your account and view this application within your dashboard at any time.

5.Help

Guidance and supporting documents are available to download from the [Resources page](#) on the website. We advise that you review these before starting your application, especially the application guidelines, and the guide to planning your project.

For some questions, additional explanations are provided.

If you need further guidance, email us on wcgl@groundwork.org.uk or call 0207 239 1286.

6.Logging out

To log out of your session, either click on 'Applications' or exit the website. **But remember – the answer you are editing will only be saved when you exit the box you editing.**

The deadline to submit your application is 10.00, Monday 28 September 2026.