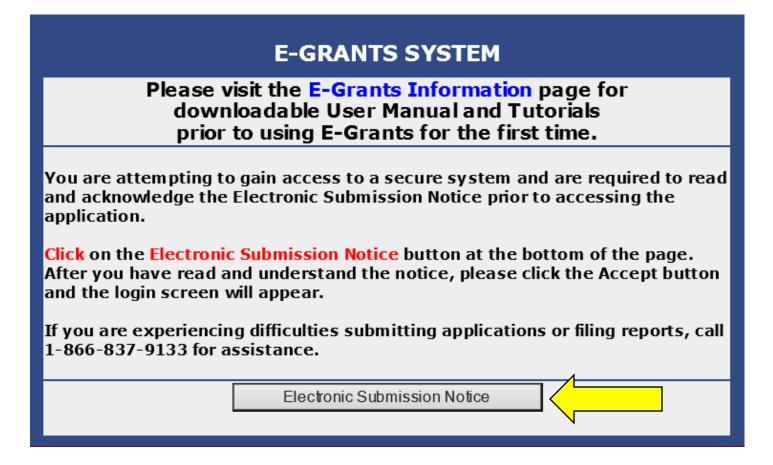


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FY2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program

To access DHSES E-Grants you must have a Username and Password. Please contact DHSES at grant.info@dhses.ny.gov if you need to request a username and password.

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Click on the Electronic Submission Notice.



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Electronic Submission Notice

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) encourages the electronic submission of applications for grant funding as this method expedites the process, reduces the amount of paper materials involved in the grant award process, and minimizes the possibility of clerical errors.

By submitting an application electronically through E-Grants, it is unnecessary to forward any materials to DHSES. However, by submitting electronically, the applicant agrees that

- The application is made with the full knowledge and consent of the official authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the municipality or agency and agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in 'New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Certified Assurances for Federally-supported Projects: Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements'
- 2. Upon receiving an award, the applicant shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, rules and regulations and
- 3. Once the applicant receives an award, a contract will be developed based upon the information contained within the application, but the fully executed contract is the only document binding on the parties.

Before any application is submitted by a municipality or agency, the authorized signing official should read and agree to abide by provisions of the following documents which become a part of resulting contracts:

- 1. 'Appendix A: Standard Clauses for all New York State Contracts' and
- 2. 'Appendix A1: Agency-specific Clauses' (for DHSES).
- 3. 'Appendix C: Payment and Reporting Schedule'

It is important to note that DHSES may suspend funding, in whole or in part, terminate funding for, or impose another sanction on a grantee if it appears that the electronic submission of an application did not comply with the above requirements.

DHSES strongly recommends that the applicant:

- 1. Print the pertinent documents listed above accessible at http://www.dhses.ny.gov/grants/
- 2. Ensure review of the documents and signed approval by the authorized signing official.
- 3. Retain the documents for future reference. Do not send them to DHSES.

If an award is made and a contract is subsequently developed from the application, the contract package that is sent to the official for signature will contain the required documents.



The Electronic Submission Notice must be read and acknowledged before accessing the system. Once you have read the notice, please click the *Accept* button and the login screen will appear.

HINT: Since this is a web-based system so you will be timed out after 30 minutes of inactivity and will

lose any unsaved material. Hit SAVE often.



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HINT: Since this is a web-based system you will be timed out after 30 minutes of inactivity and will lose any unsaved material. Hit *SAVE* often. If you see either of the messages below it means that you have timed out. You must log back into E-Grants in resume your application.

Message #1

DHSES E-Grants E-Grants System

E-Grants is currently unavailable.

E-Grants should be accessible shortly. We apologize for the inconvenience.

New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 1220 Washington Avenue Extension Building 7A

Albany, New York 12242 Phone: 1-866-837-9133

e-mail: grant.info@dhses.ny.gov

Message #2

The session has timed out or you are not logged in.

Click here to log back in.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Do not open two E-Grants windows at the same time to copy information from one application into another.

If you want to copy and paste information from a previous E-Grants application, please copy the information into a Word document first. It can cause system errors that may affect your grant application if you have two E-Grants windows open at the same time.

Hint: See slide 73 for instructions on how to **view and print** your entire E-Grants application.



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E-GRANTS SYSTEM
Welcome to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.
Please enter your login information.
Login Name:
Password:
Submit Submit
New users, please email DHSES to set up and validate a new account.

Enter your *Login Name*, *Password* and click on the *Submit* button.



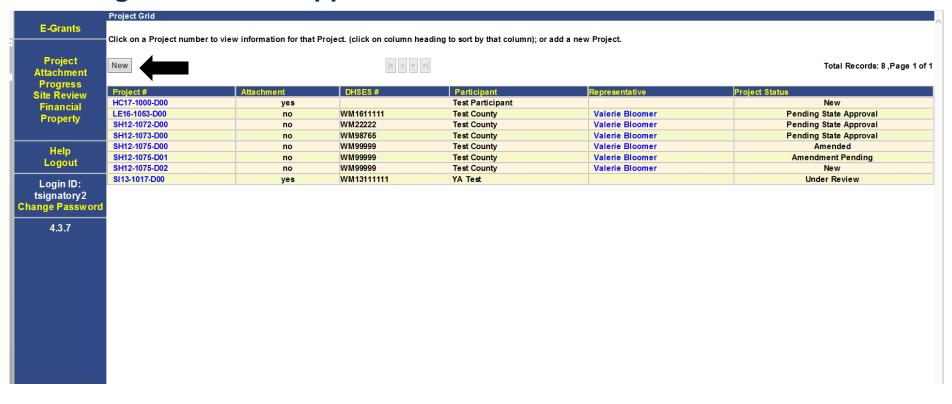
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Once you have logged in, the Welcome to E-Grants page will be displayed. Select **Project** from the left menu frame to open the list of projects that match the access rights of the user or to create a new project.



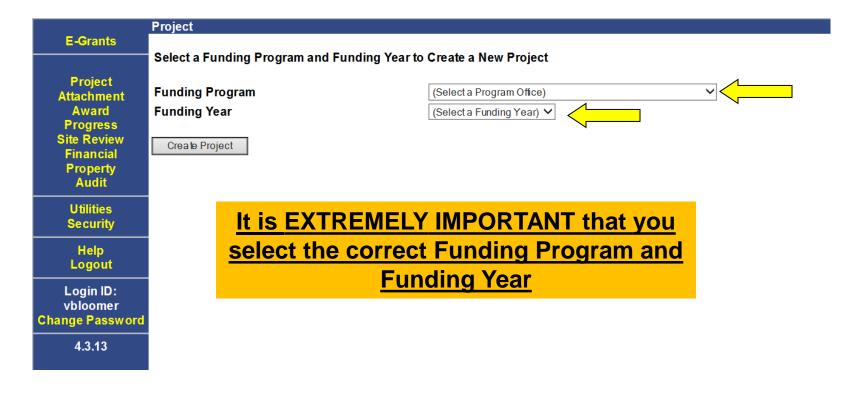
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A list of currently active projects will be displayed. The grid will be empty if there are no projects associated with the user. Click **New** to begin entering a new project.



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See next two slides for instructions.



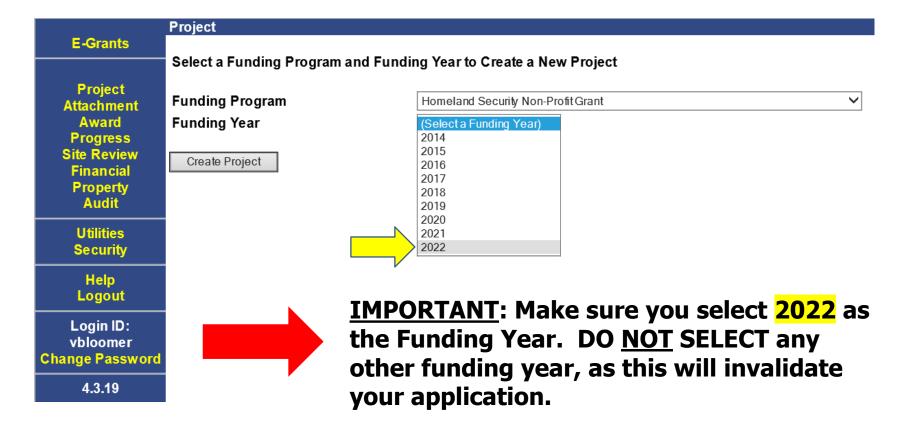
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Select **Homeland Security Non-Profit Grant** from the drop-down box.



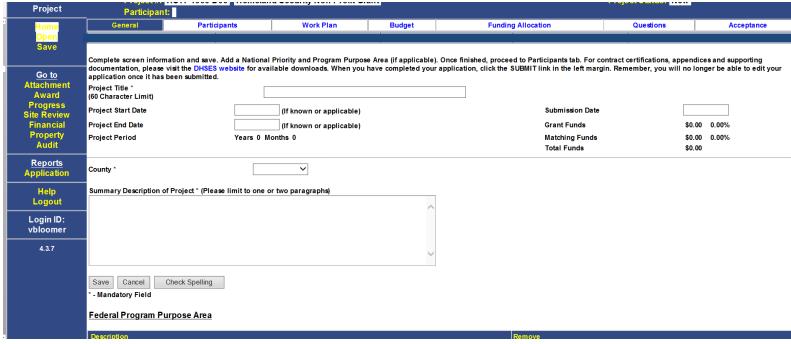
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Select **2022** from the drop-down list and click the **Create Project** Button. A pop-up box will appear asking "Are you sure you want to create a project?" Click **OK**.



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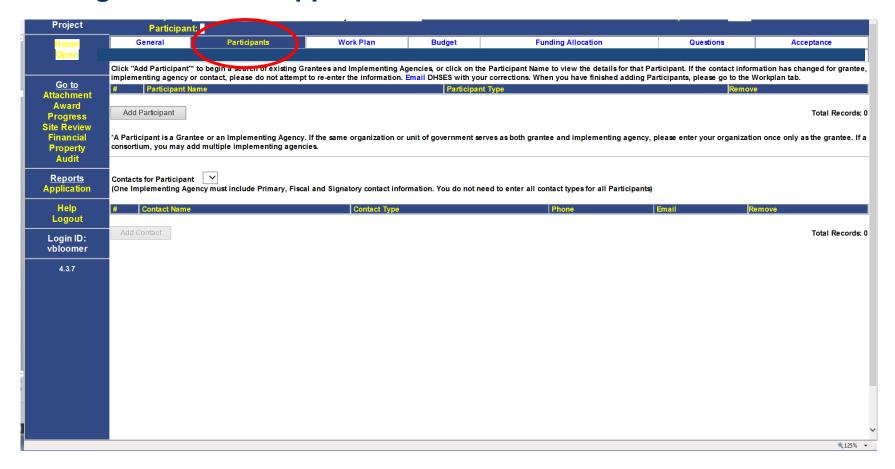
This is the General Tab. Enter the following mandatory fields:

- Project Title
 - Enter FY2022 NSGP-UA for organizations that will be installing equipment at sites located in the five boroughs of NYC, Westchester, Suffolk or Nassau counties
 - Enter FY2022 NSGP-S for organizations that will be installing equipment at sites located in all other areas of New York State.
- Project Start Date: 09/01/2022
- Project End Date: 08/31/2025
- County Please select the county where the equipment will be installed
- Summary Description of the Project Brief description of the Project
- Federal Program Purpose Area This section can be left blank



When completed, click on the **Save** button at the bottom of the page or the **Save** option in the left frame.

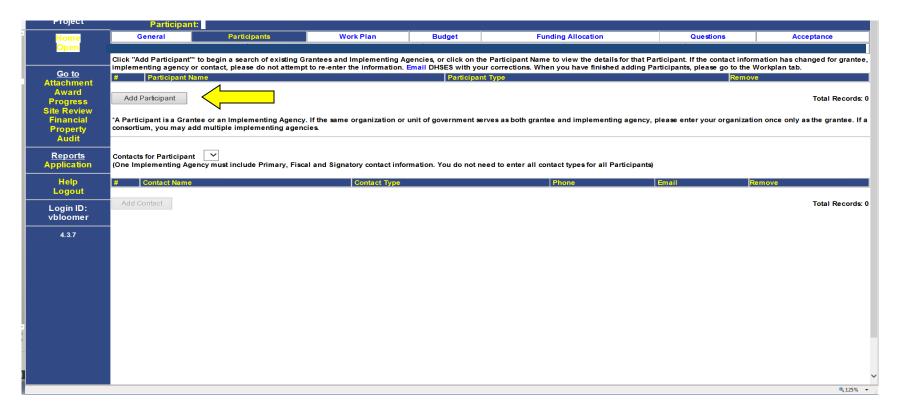
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Now click on the *Participants* tab.



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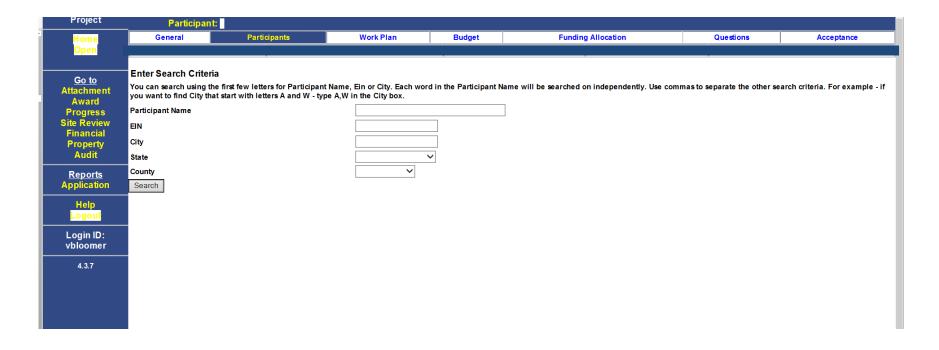


Click Add Participant.

Make sure that you enter your organization's FULL LEGAL name in E-Grants as the Participant. Please make sure that the organization name you provide in E-Grants matches exactly what is provided in the Investment Justification (IJ) and in the NYS Grants Gateway prequalification document vault.

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A search screen will open to search for an existing Participant. Enter full or partial name and click **OK** to search the database. If you previously applied for funding, your organization's information will be able to be retrieved using the search option. **Make sure that you enter your organization's FULL LEGAL name in E-Grants**.

Hint: This search engine looks for exact matches so don't be **too** detailed in your search.



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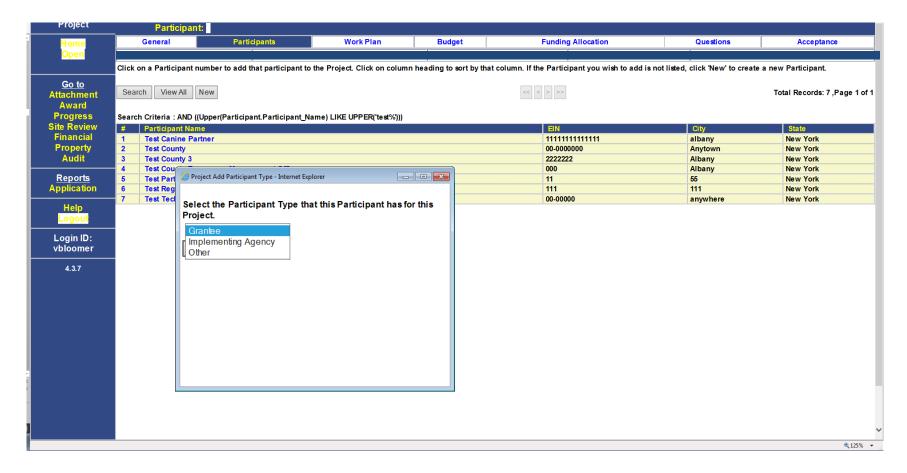
In this example, "Test" was input into the search window providing the above list. Choose the Participant you wish to add from the returned list by clicking on the blue # to the left of the participant name.

If the Participant is not in the database click **New** to enter a new Participant and proceed to slide 19.

Make sure that you enter your organization's FULL LEGAL name and are consistent with the organization name throughout all phases of the application process.



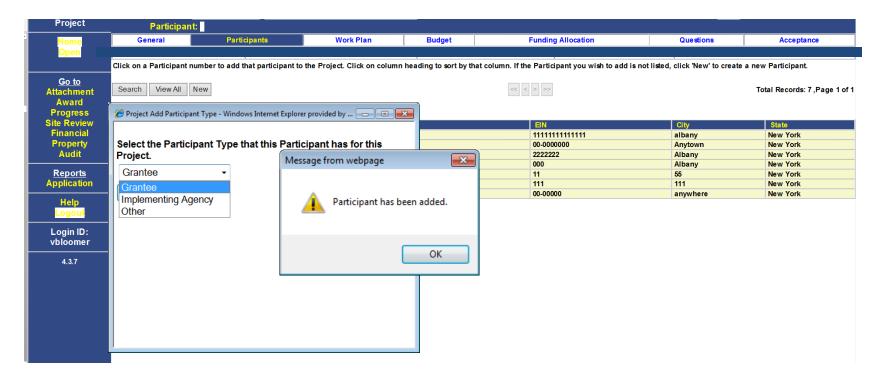
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Select the appropriate participant type (for this program select *Grantee*). Click on the *Add* button.



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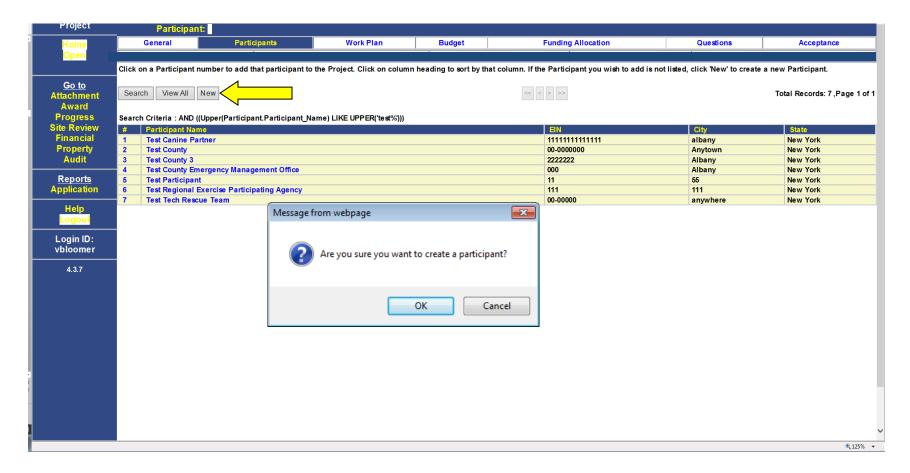


The Participant has been added to the Project.

Note: The Dun and Bradstreet Number has been replaced with a Unique Entity ID. To update this field for an existing participant record, please email Grant.Info@dhses.ny.gov and provide your Project ID# (HS22-XXXX) along with the updated information. Do not create a new participant.



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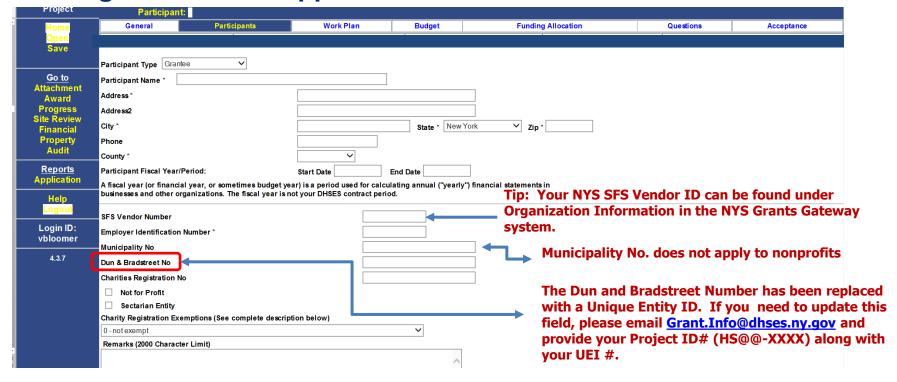


If the participant is not in the database, you may add them by clicking the **New** button. And then **OK**. However, please **ENSURE** the participant is not already in the database to prevent duplicate entries.

Again, make sure to use your organization's FULL LEGAL name.



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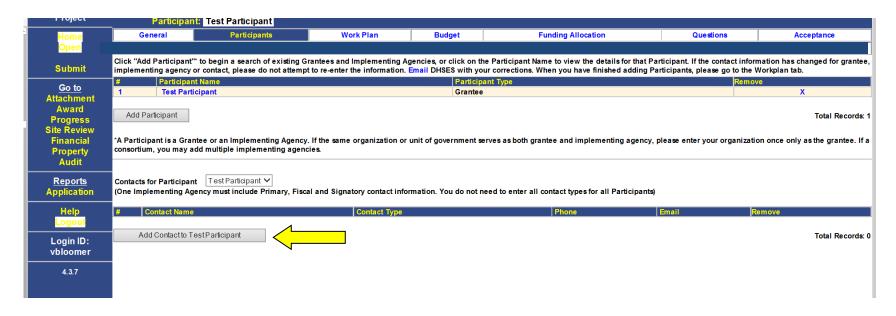


Enter the information to add a New Participant. Required fields are: Participant Name, Address, City, State, Zip, County, Participant Fiscal Year/Period, Employer Identification Number, Charities Registration Number (if applicable), check the Not for Profit and/or Sectarian Entity box (as it applies to your agency) and if exempt from Charities Registration, select from the drop-down box the reason for exemption. Click on the **Save** button. Mandatory data indicated with * must be entered before the record can be saved.

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Note: If you need to update information after the record has been saved, please email grant.info@dhses.ny.gov. Do not create a new participant.

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Next you will **Add Contacts**. E-Grants **requires** a Primary, Signatory and Fiscal Contact. The signatory contact must be authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the organization. Both Primary and Signatory Contacts must be registered users of the E-Grants system.

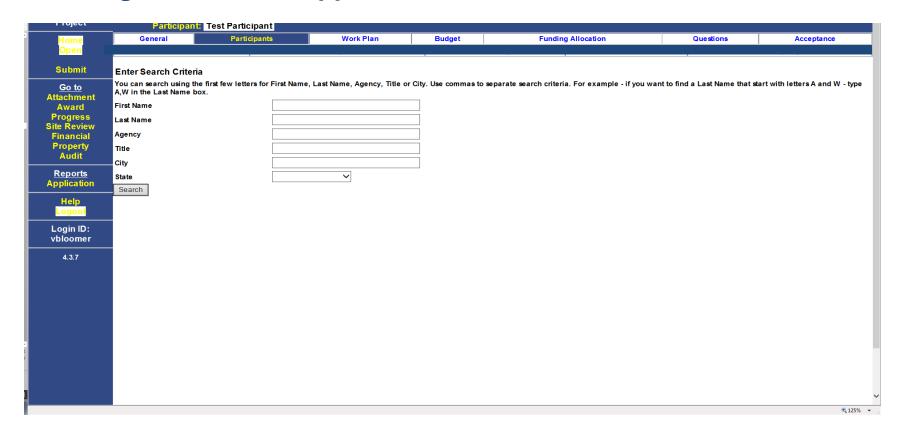
Please note: at least 2 (two) different people need to be identified as contacts for your organization.

Please contact grant.info@dhses.ny.gov if you need help registering a Primary or Signatory contact.

Click on **Add Contact to** button.



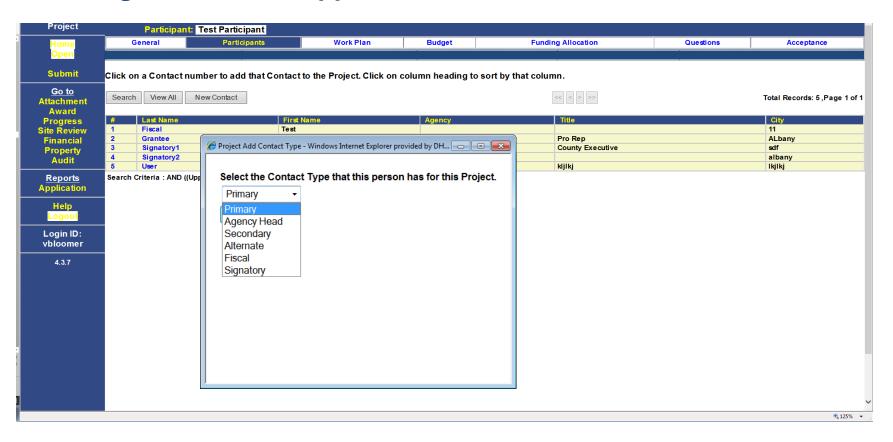
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A search screen will open to search for an existing contact. Enter partial Last Name and click **OK** to search the database. **Hint:** This search engine looks for exact matches so don't be **too** detailed in your search. Again, if you have previously applied for funding, your information will be able to be retrieved using the search option.

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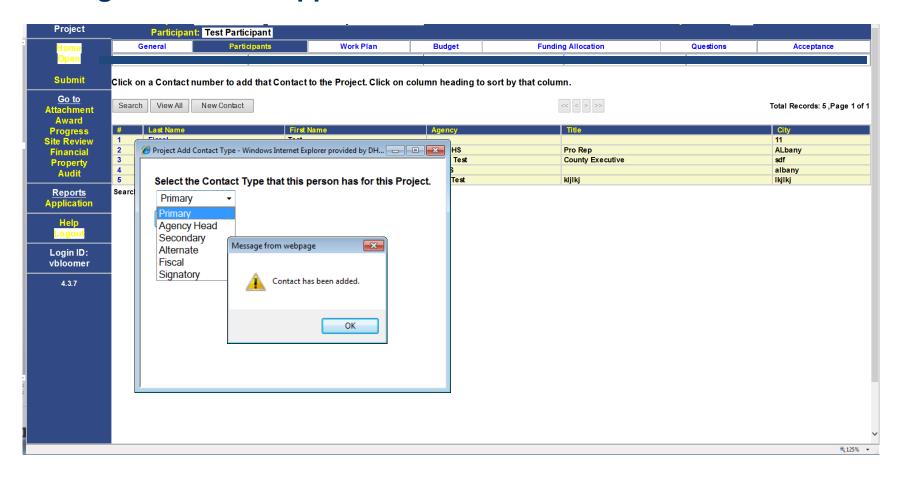


If your contact is found in the search, click on the blue number or the last name. A pop-up box will appear asking to select the Contact Type.

If the contact is not in the database, click **New Contact** and proceed to slide 26.



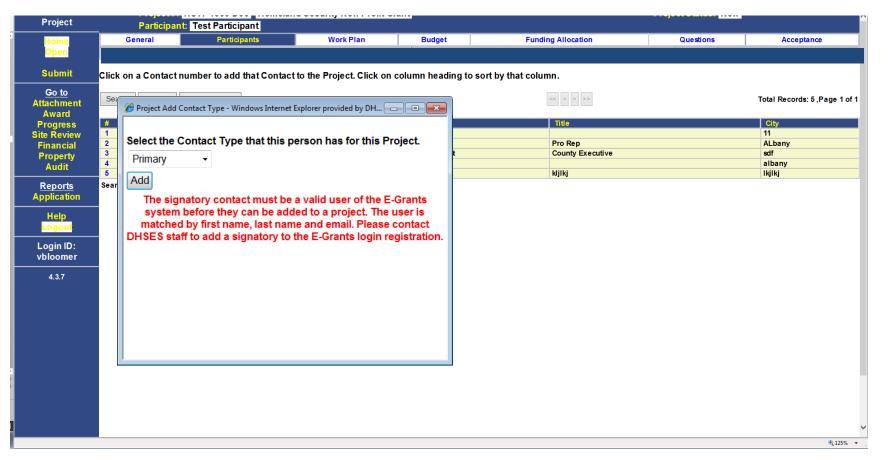
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A pop-up box will then appear letting you know the contact has been successfully added. Continue selecting and adding contacts until you are finished. Remember a Primary, Signatory and Fiscal contact must be chosen.

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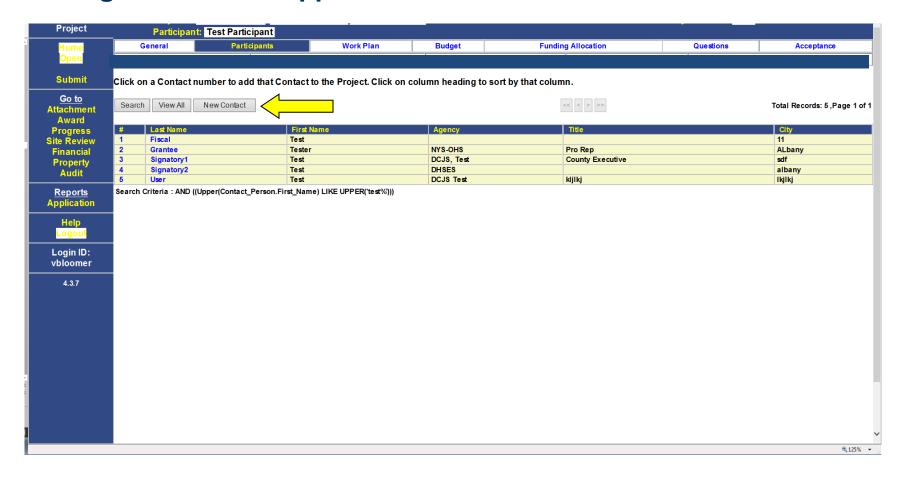
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<u>REMEMBER</u> - If the Signatory Contact you are trying to add is not a registered user of E-Grants with Signatory rights, you will get the above error message. Please contact <u>grant.info@dhses.ny.gov</u> if you need help registering a signatory. You can continue working on other parts of your application, **but** you will not be able to submit the application without a signatory attached.

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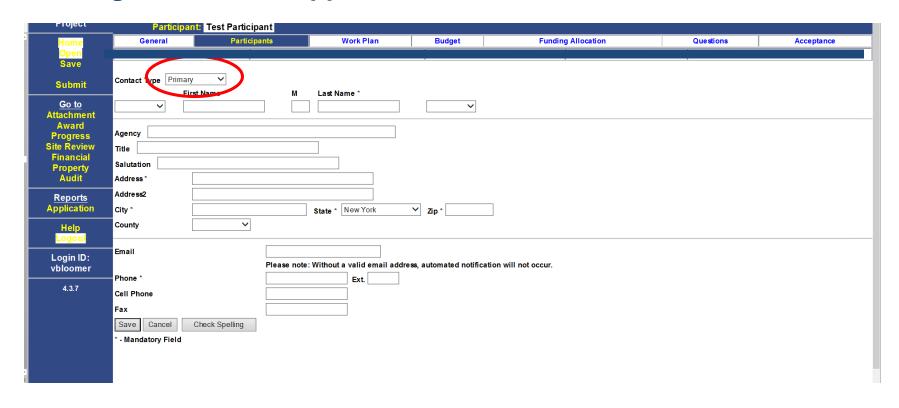
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If you need to add a new contact, click New Contact and the screen will refresh.



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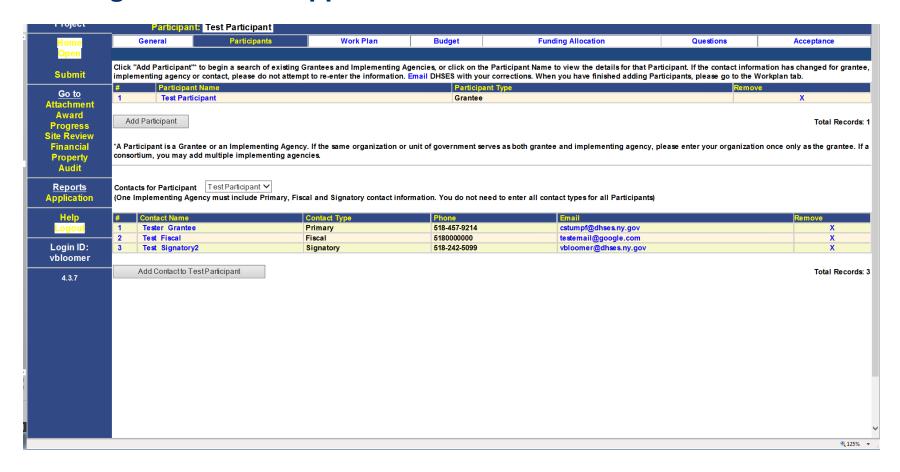


Select the Contact type from the drop-down box (circled in red). Required fields are First Name, Last Name, Agency, Address, City, State, Zip, Email and Phone Number. Click on the *Save* button. Mandatory data must be entered before the record can be saved. Add a new contact only after verifying the person is not already in the system.

If changes are necessary to an existing record, please email grant.info@dhses.ny.gov. Do not create a new contact.

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This is an example of a completed Participants screen.



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Generic Workplan Information

Below is the generic workplan information that you will use in the E-Grants system. The information is broken down into six categories: 1) purchase physical security equipment; 2) conduct M&A activities; 3) conduct training; 4) conduct exercises; and 5) conduct planning activities; 6) contract security personnel. You may use one or all of these categories.

<u>Project Goal</u> - To prevent, prepare for or mitigate the effects of a terrorist attack on (<u>Name of Organization</u>) located at (<u>physical address of the location to be target hardened</u>).

G&T Workplan Code - 39. Homeland Security Assistance for Non Profits

Investment Justification - Homeland Security Assistance to Non Profit Organizations

<u>Objective Description</u> – Enable nonprofit organizations to establish/enhance preparedness activities to secure their facilities that are at risk of a terror threat.

<u>Target Capability</u> – Critical Infrastructure Protection/Key Resources Protection

Equipment (use the following information):

<u>Task</u> – EHP documents submitted and approval received. Purchase and install allowable XXX (provide list of equipment) equipment. Train appropriate personnel in the proper use of the equipment and place the equipment into service.

<u>Performance Measure #1</u> – Identify equipment ordered and received. Provide a brief narrative on the training of personnel and the deployment of equipment. Describe how the equipment is enhancing the day to day security of the location. Equipment accountability records are properly maintained.



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Generic Workplan Information - continued

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M&A Activities (use the following information):

<u>Task</u> – Conduct management and administrative activities to ensure all programmatic, fiscal and reporting requirements of the grant are being followed, completed and submitted in a timely manner.

<u>Performance Measure #1</u> – Management and administrative activities conducted. All programmatic, fiscal and reporting requirements completed and submitted in a timely manner.

Training (use the following information):

<u>Task</u> – Conduct and/or attend DHSES approved training regarding prevention of or reaction to a terrorist threat or action.

<u>Performance Measure #1</u> – Training conducted. Provide brief narrative describing the DHSES approved training conducted to include the number of staff trained. Copy of agenda or training curriculum and roster of attendees maintained on file. Describe how the training enhanced the prevention of or reaction to a terrorist threat or action.



Generic Workplan Information

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Exercise (use the following information):

<u>Task</u> – Design, develop, conduct and/or participate in security related exercises to validate plans and procedures and evaluate capabilities. Report scheduled exercises to DHSES 60 days prior to the start of the exercise. Submit After Action Reports/Improvement Plans to DHSES within 60 days of exercise completion.

<u>Performance Measure</u> – DHSES notified of scheduled exercise; exercise conducted and After Action Reports/Improvement Plans completed and submitted to DHSES within 60 days of exercise completion. Provide brief narrative and report number of personnel involved, the disciplines involved and the organizations participating; describe how the project validated plans and procedures and evaluated capabilities.

Planning (use the following information):

<u>Task</u> – Conduct allowable planning activities related to homeland security initiatives.

<u>Performance Measure</u> – Planning activities conducted. Provide brief narrative reporting planning activities completed and describe how the project enhanced the emergency preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.

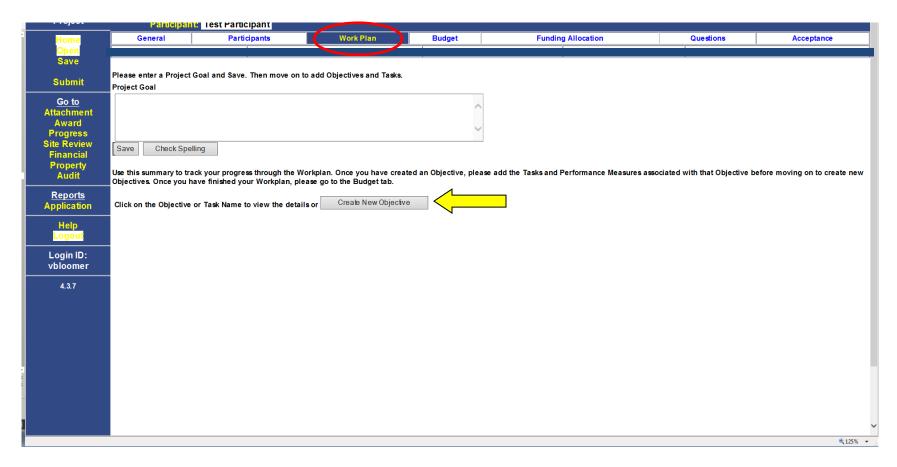
Contracted Security (use the following information):

<u>Task</u>- Hire contracted security personnel for the prevention of or reaction to a terrorist threat or action.

<u>Performance Measure</u> - Hiring of contracted security personnel complete. Provide brief narrative describing contracted security personnel activities completed. Describe how the contracted security personnel enhanced the prevention of or reaction to a terrorist threat or action.

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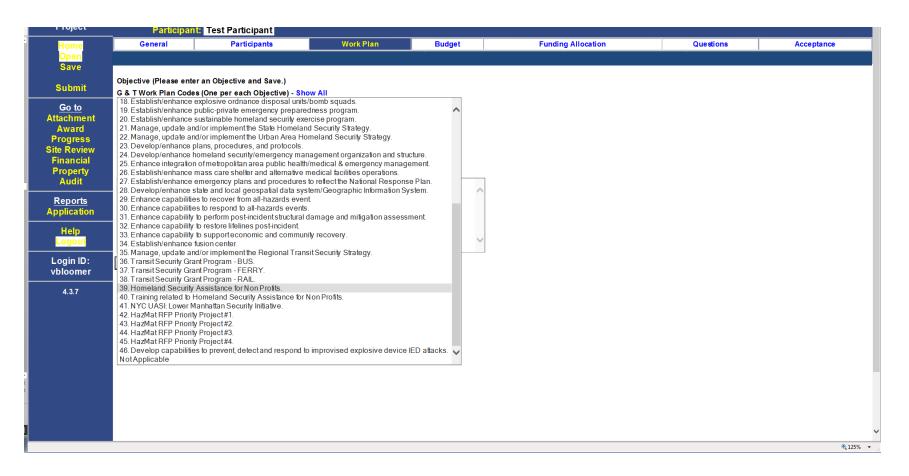
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Now click the *Work Plan* Tab and enter the Project Goal using the information on slide 29. Click *Save*. Then click on *Create New Objective* and *OK*.



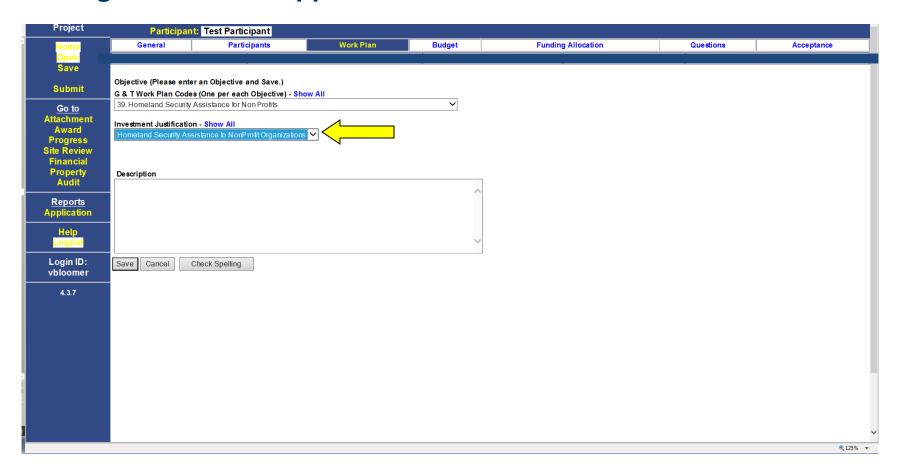
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A new screen will be generated with several drop-down boxes. Click on the *G & T Work Plan Code* box and select G & T Work Plan Code #39 – Homeland Security Assistant for Non Profits



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Next click on the *Investment Justification* drop-down box and select "*Homeland Security Assistance to NonProfit Organizations*".



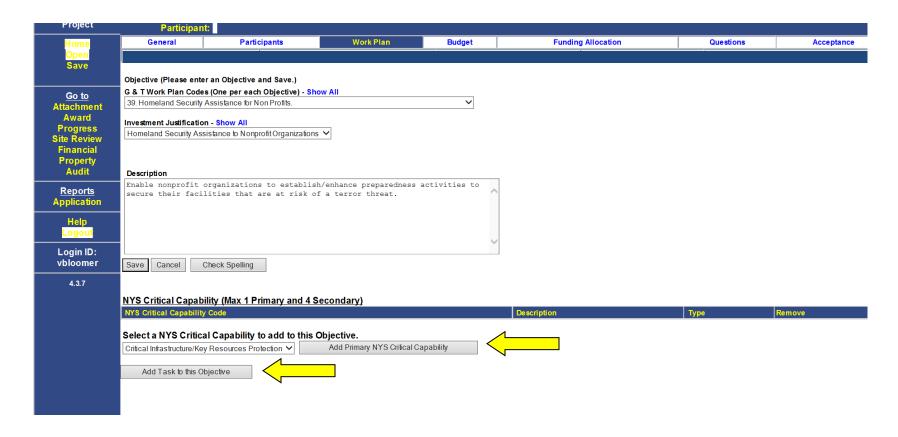
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Enter the Objective Description (refer back to slide 29). Click on Save.



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Click *Add Primary NYS Critical Capability select "Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources Protection"*. The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this NYS Critical Capability?" Click *OK.*

Click on Add Task to this Objective.



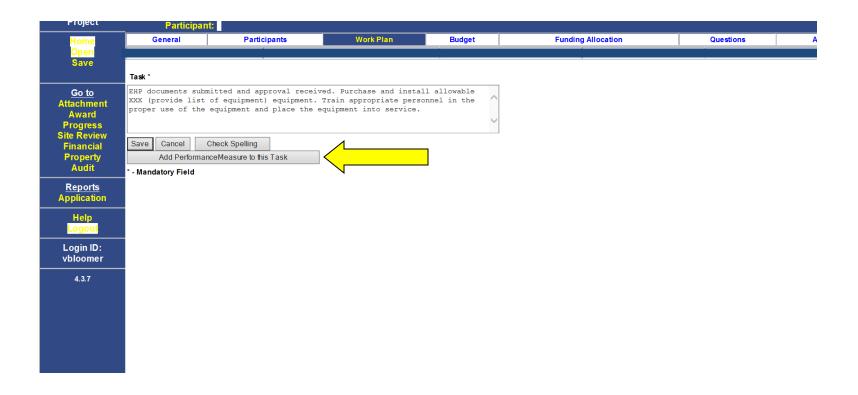
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The Task(s) need to be added. Enter the appropriate **Task** from slides #29 - 31 and click on **Save.** The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to save?" Click **OK.**



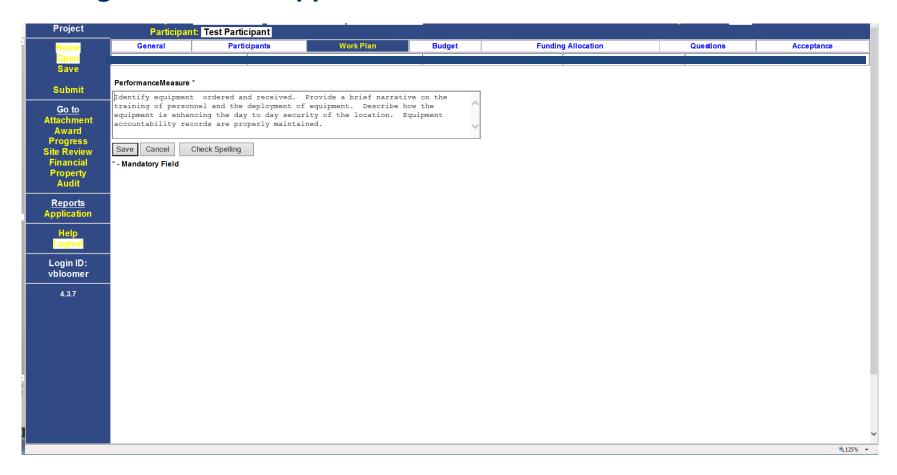
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Enter a **Performance Measure** for each Task from slides #29 - 31. Click on **Add Performance Measure to this Task.**



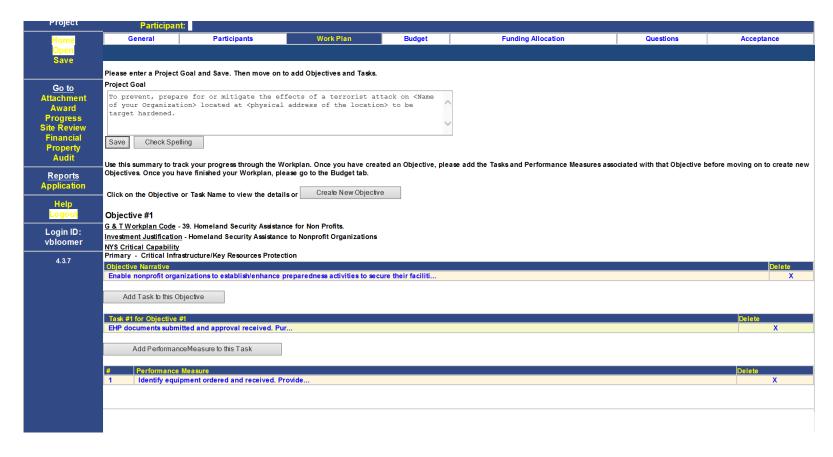
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Enter the corresponding **Performance Measure** from slides #29 - 31 and click on **Save.** The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to save?" Click **OK.**



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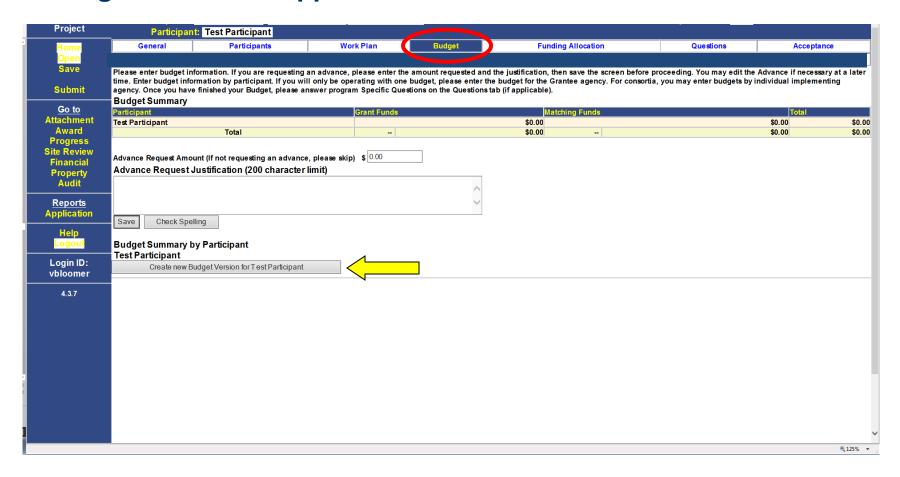


This is an example of a completed work plan for purchasing perimeter security equipment.

To add Training, Exercise, Contracted Security Personnel, Management and Administration, or Planning costs to this project click *Add Task to This Objective* and follow instructions from slide #29.



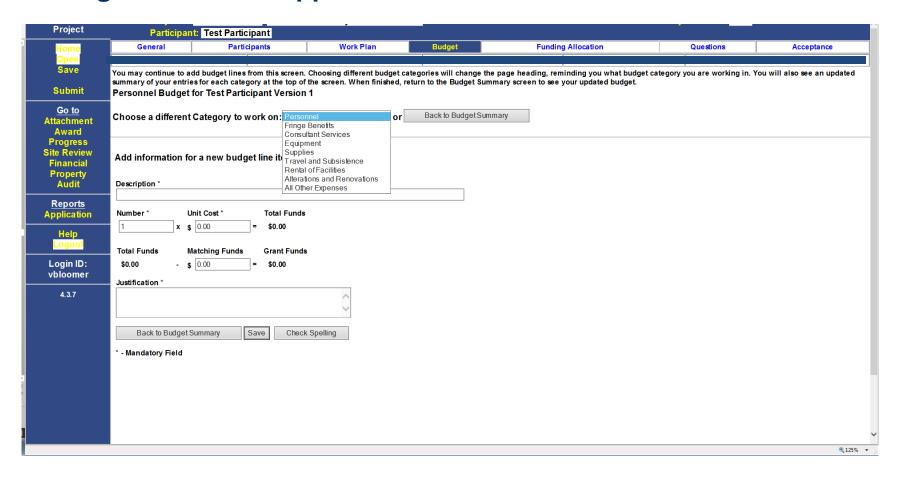
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Click the **Budget** tab. You must have a participant and a completed Work Plan before you can enter a budget. Click on **Create new Budget Version for Participant.**



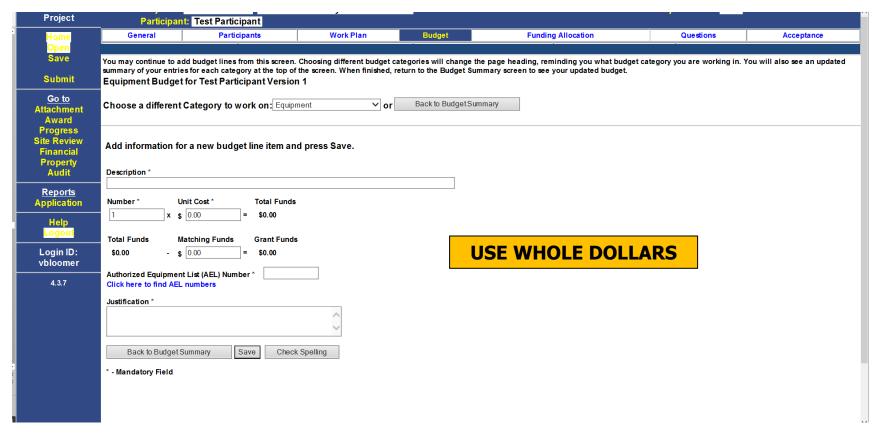
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Each budget item is entered separately. Choose the category of the budget item you are entering from the drop-down box. As you can see there are nine budget categories **but only** Equipment; All Other Expenses (Training and Exercise), Consultant (M&A, Planning & Exercise, Contracted Security Personnel) and Personnel (M&A) are eligible for Nonprofit Grants.

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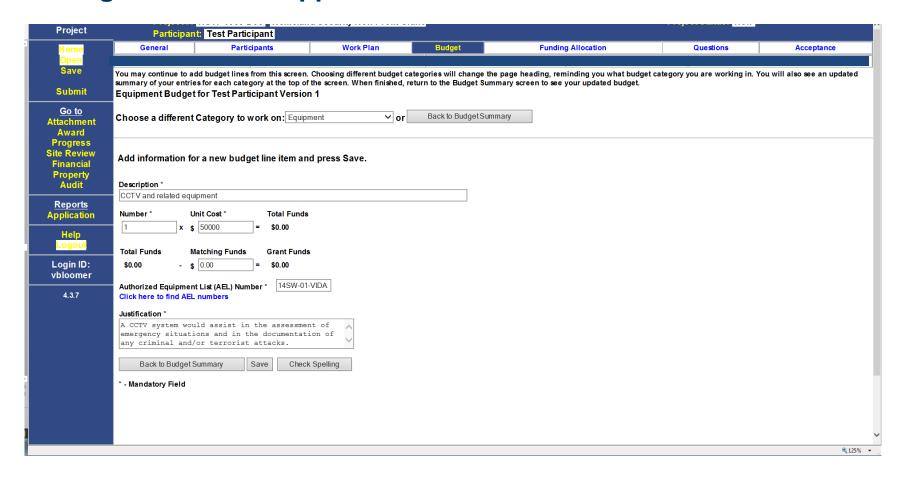


Mandatory fields for a budget item are Description, Number, Unit Cost and Justification. If entering an Equipment item an AEL Number is also mandatory. (Refer to the Investment Justification (IJ) Section IV.B for AEL codes within the drop-down menu)

When finished with the item click **Save.**



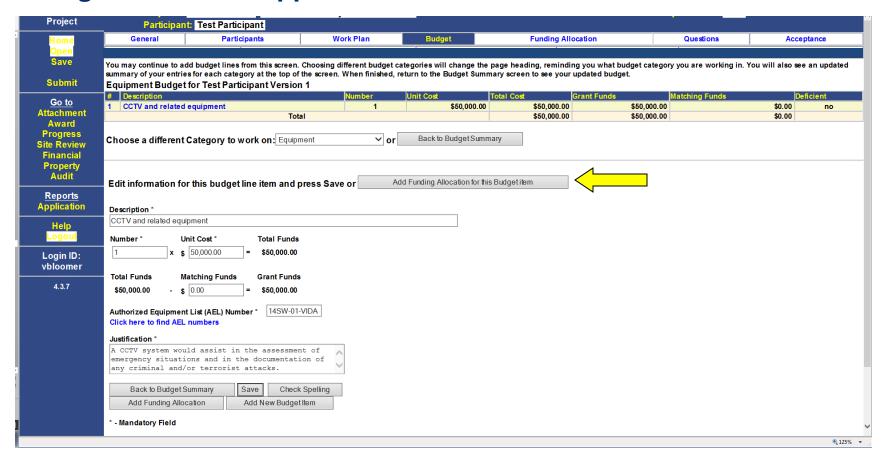
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This is an example of a completed equipment budget line.



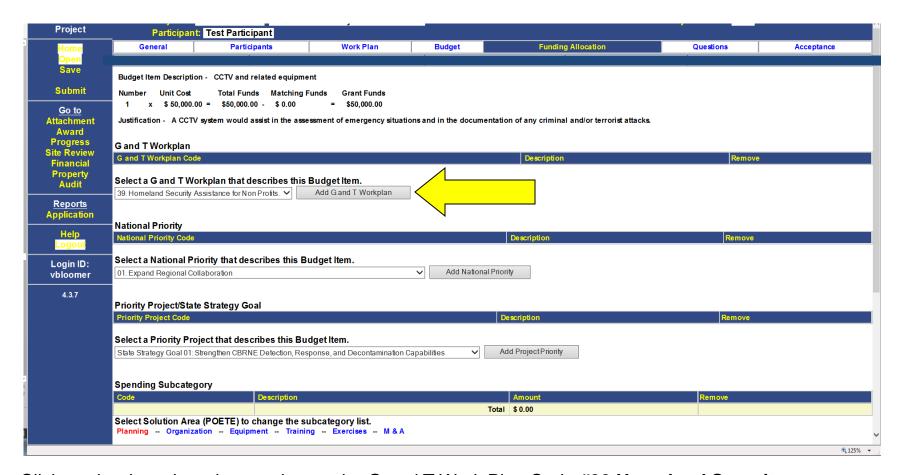
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Once you have saved the budget item, the screen will refresh and **Add Funding Allocation for this Budget item** icon will appear. Click on **Add Funding Allocation for this Budget item**. Screen will advance to Funding Allocation Tab. You must enter a budget item before you can enter funding allocation data.

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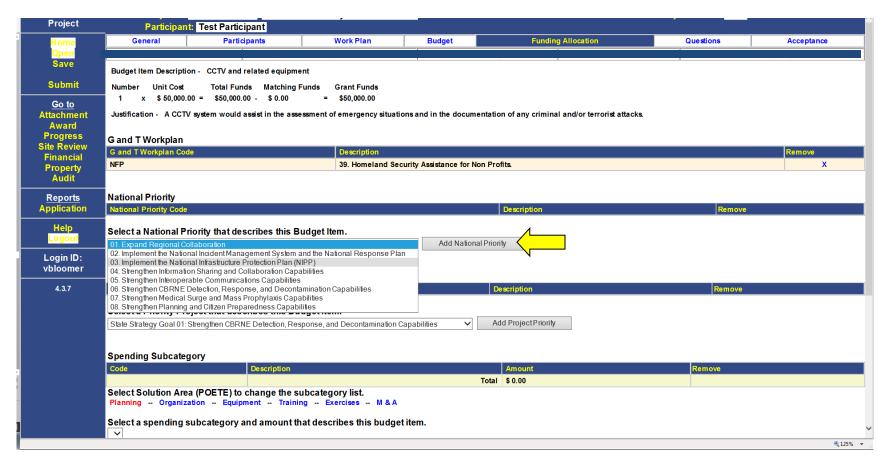
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Click on the drop-down box to choose the G and T Work Plan Code **#39 Homeland Security Assistance for NonProfits.** Click on **Add G and T Workplan.** The screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this G and T Workplan?" Click **OK**.

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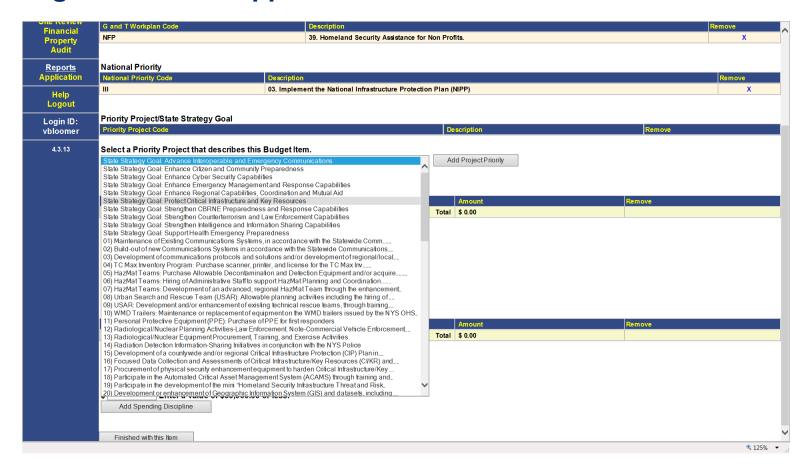
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Click on the drop-down box to select a National Priority. For this grant program choose *03. Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP)*. Click *Add National Priority* and then click *OK*.



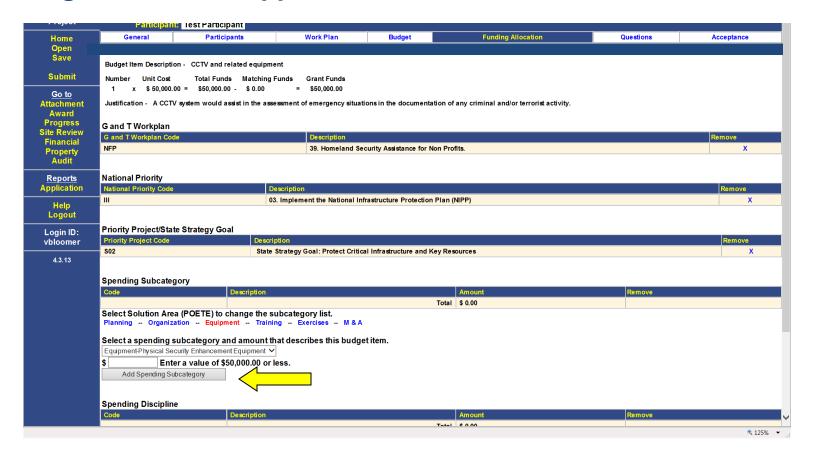
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Click on the drop-down box to select a Priority Project. Choose **State Strategy Goal: Protect Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources.** Click **Add Project Priority** and then click **OK**.



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Now you select a Spending Subcategory/Solution Area. Solution Areas include Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, Exercises or M&A.

When you select a category the lettering will change from blue to red. In the example above **Equipment** is selected.

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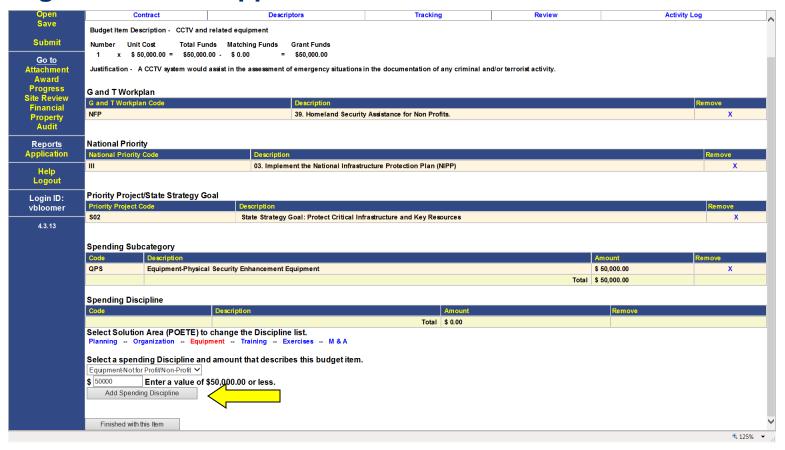


Enter the total dollar amount of the item and click *Add Spending Subcategory*. Screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this Spending Subcategory?" Click *OK*.

In the above example the dollar amount of the item is \$50,000 so you would enter \$50,000 for the value of the Spending Subcategory.

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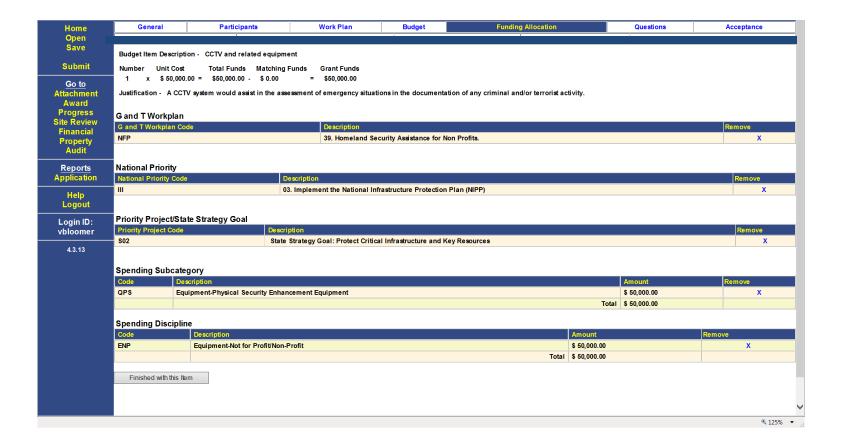
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Now you select a Spending Discipline. You will need to select the same category (Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training, Exercises or M&A) you selected in Spending Subcategory. Enter the total dollar value of the item and click on *Add Spending Discipline*. Screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to add this Spending Discipline?" Click **OK**.



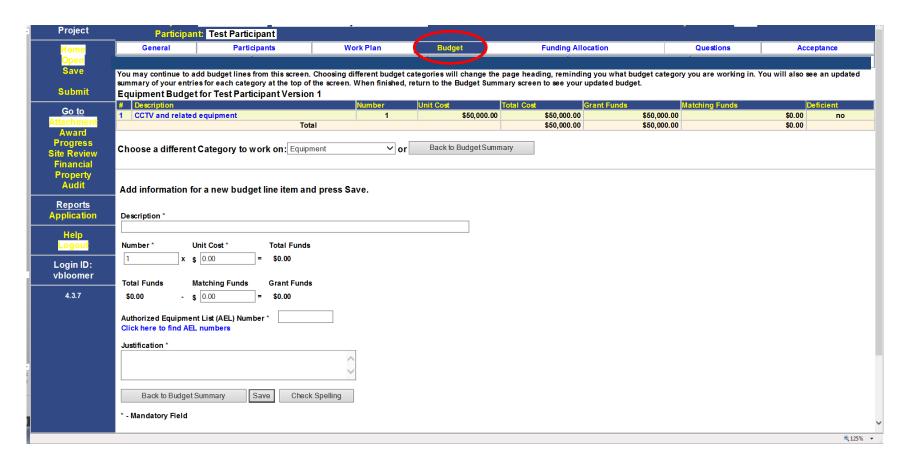
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This is an example of a completed Funding Allocation. Click on *Finished with this item*. The screen will refresh back to the **Budget** tab to add additional budget items.



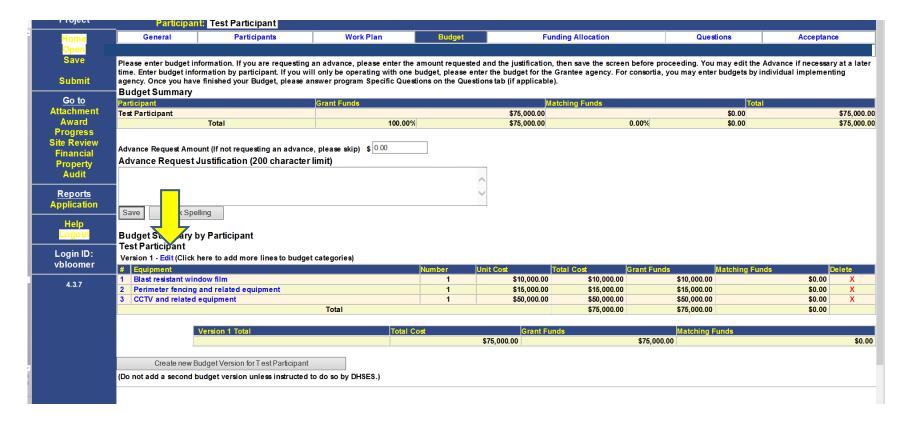
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If you want to add additional budget items, select the category and repeat slides #42 - 52. If you have completed your budget, click on the **Budget** tab at the top of the screen.



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Your completed budget will look like this.

If you need to make changes to your budget or add additional budget items, click on Edit. Remember, you need to complete the Budget and Funding Allocation Tab for each budget item.



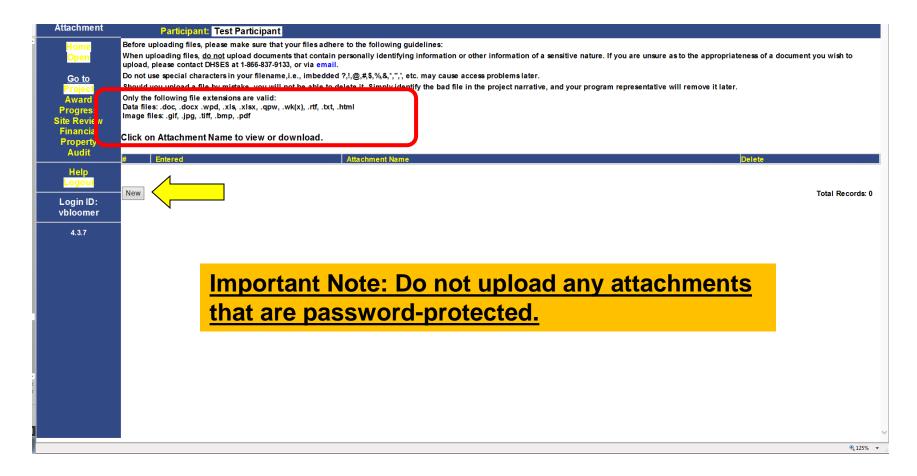
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The next step is to attach the <u>required</u> documents and any supporting documentation. To add Attachments, click on **Attachment** on the left side.



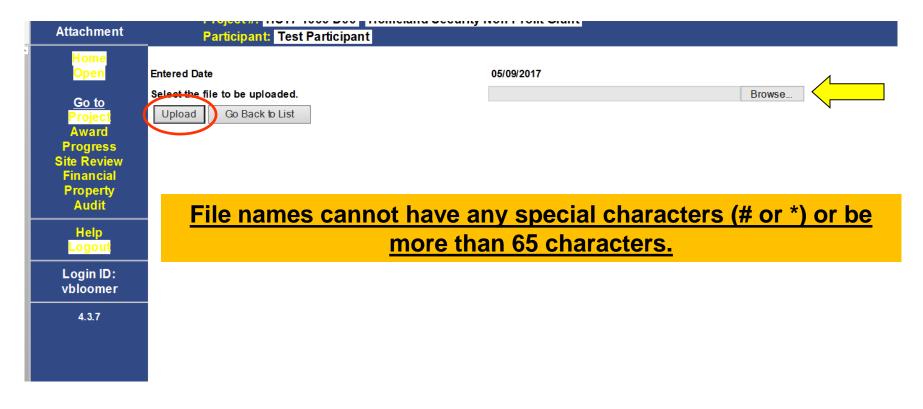
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Click on **New** to attach a file to your application. Please note the appropriate file types that can be uploaded.



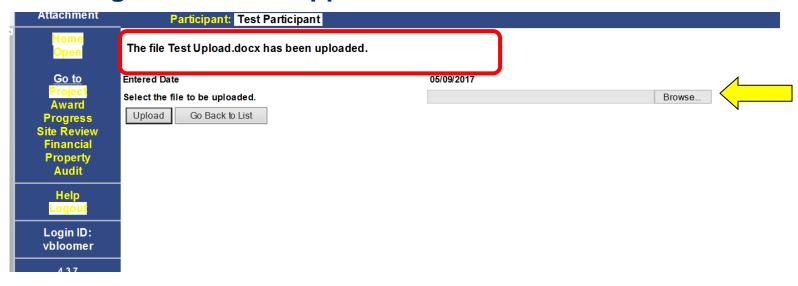
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Click **Browse** to navigate to the file location and select the appropriate file. Once the file is selected, click **Upload** to send the file to E-Grants.



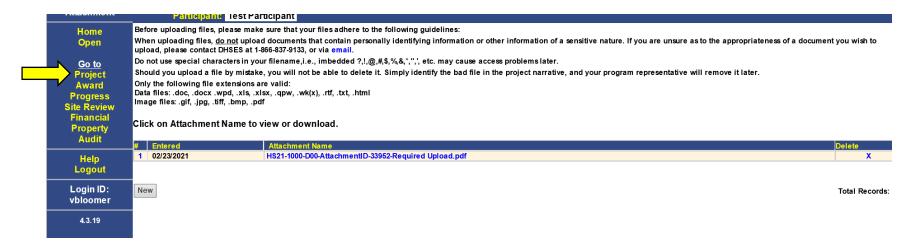
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When the file has been uploaded you will receive a confirmation. Click **Browse** to add another file or click **Go Back to List** to view the list of files that have been attached to the application.



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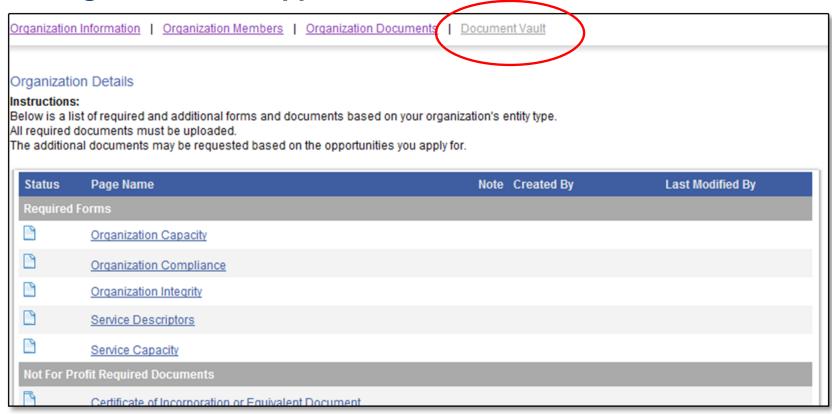


A list of files that have been attached to the application appears. You may click on the file name to view the file.

Click on *Project* to go back to your application.



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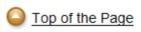


One of the attachments that we require is the Status History from the Grants Gateway. Log into Grants Gateway and click on document vault.



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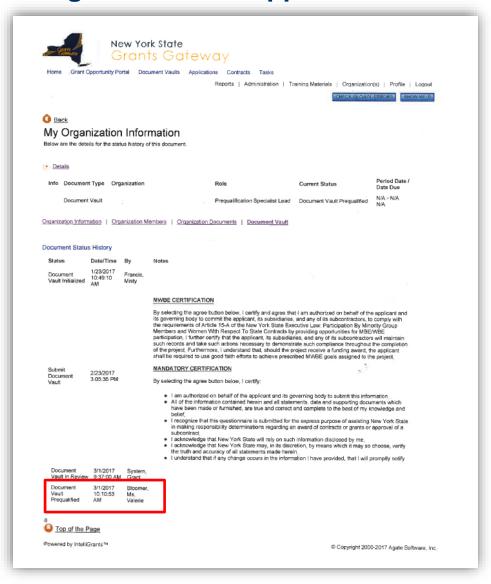
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Scroll down and click on Status History.



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Print out the whole report, scan and attach it in E-Grants even if there are multiple pages.



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When you have uploaded all your attachments, click the *Questions* tab. Click on the first question, enter your answer and click on *Save*. This will bring you to the next question. These questions serve as a reminder to ensure that you upload the required attachments. You can simply write yes when the question is completed as an internal checklist for you to ensure you haven't forgotten anything.



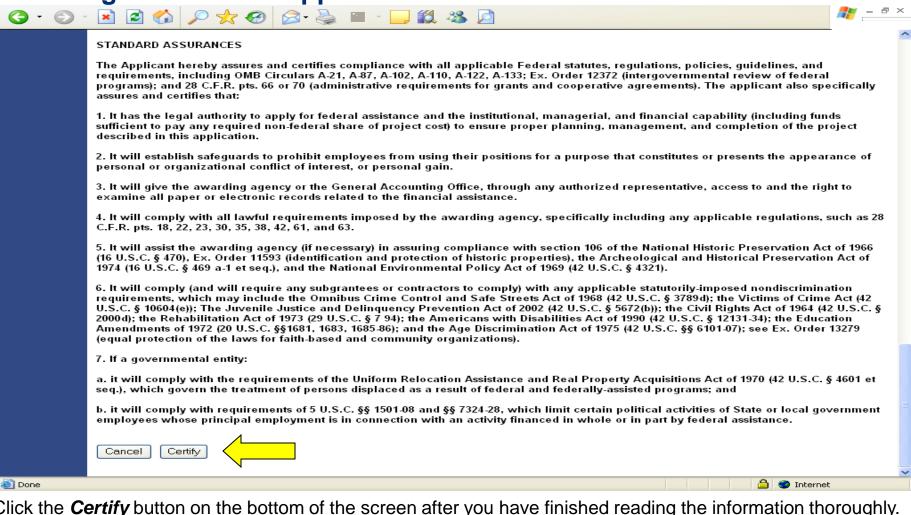
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Once all the questions have been answered, click on the *Acceptance Tab*. Click *Assurance #1*.



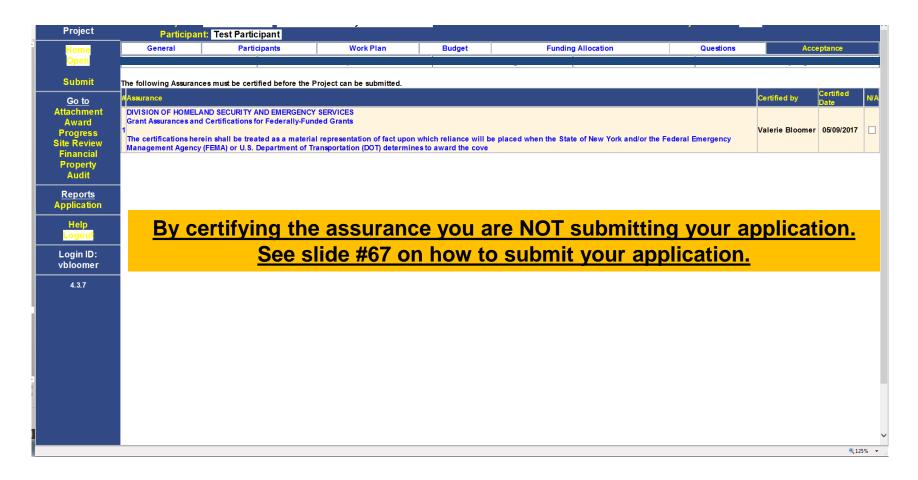
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Click the *Certify* button on the bottom of the screen after you have finished reading the information thoroughly. Screen will refresh with a confirmation message "Are you sure you want to Certify the statement?" Click *OK*. The screen will refresh again, and your name will appear in the Certified by box with the current date.

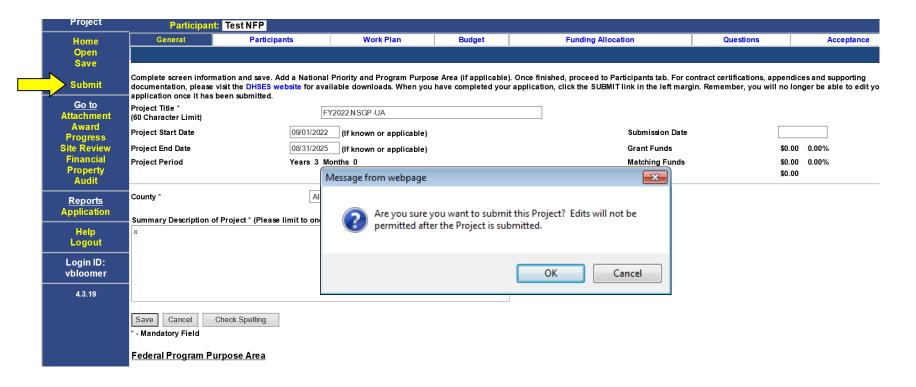
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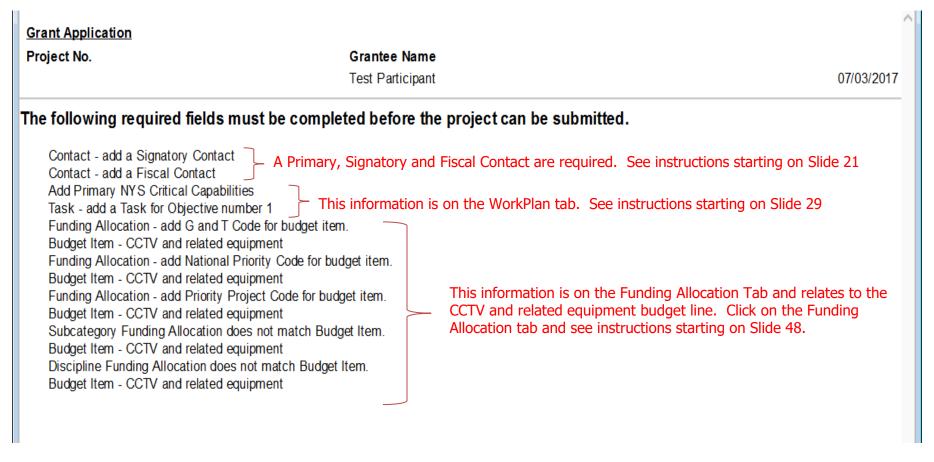
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When you have completed your application and attached all the required documents you are ready to submit your application. Click on the word *Submit* and **OK.**



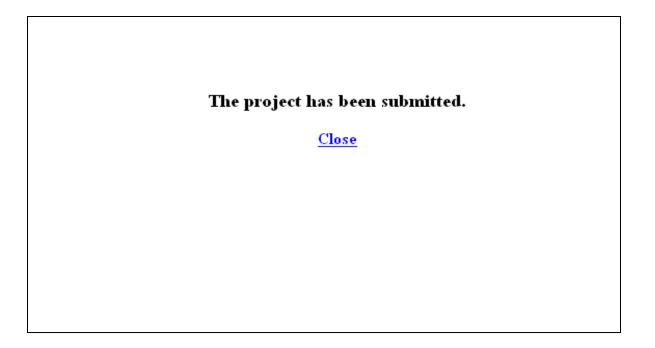
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If the application **fails to submit**, E-Grants will generate a Required Fields Report (above) to guide you in in finishing your application. Return to your application to enter the missing information and submit again.



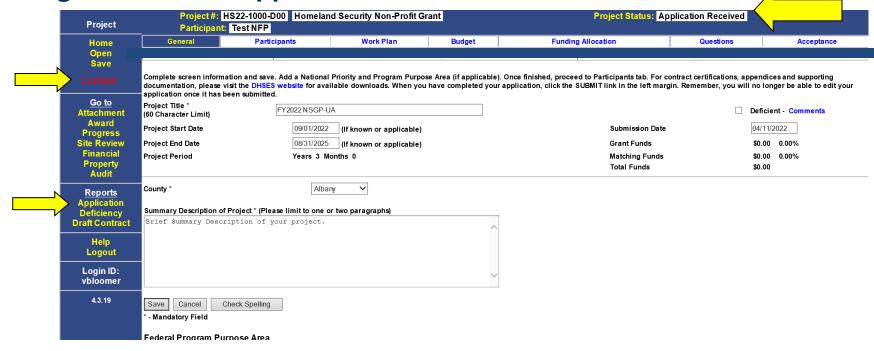
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You will receive the following message when your application is **successfully** submitted. DHSES will be notified that an application was submitted. The signatory contact will also receive an e-mail that the application was submitted.



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Once your application is submitted, it will be locked (no further editing by the applicant) but you may still view your information. Notice the *Locked* indicator in the left frame. Also notice that the project status has changed to "Application Received". You may **view and print** your entire application by clicking *Application* from the left frame under Reports.



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Please note that a **separate E-Grants application** must be completed for **each site** for which funding is requested.

For technical assistance you can contact our grants mailbox at grant.info@dhses.ny.gov or by calling 1-866-837-9133

