



# **FAQ**

## **Guide to Navigating Online Forms**

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### ONLINE APPLICATION & LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)

#### GUIDELINES

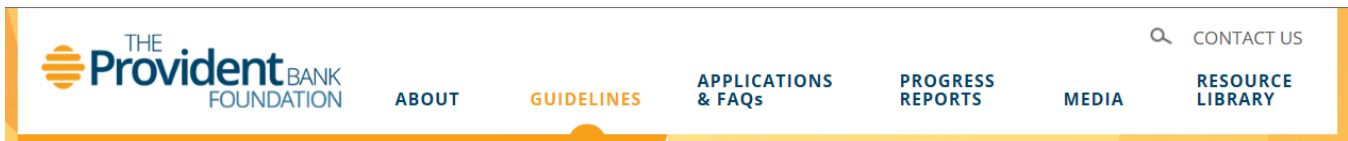
Before starting a Community Grant application, Major Grant Letter of Intent (LOI), or Signature Grant Letter of Intent (LOI), review **ALL guidelines** on PBF's website and, if needed, schedule a call with the Foundation at [Foundation@Provident.Bank](mailto:Foundation@Provident.Bank).

#### CHANGE OF INFORMATION

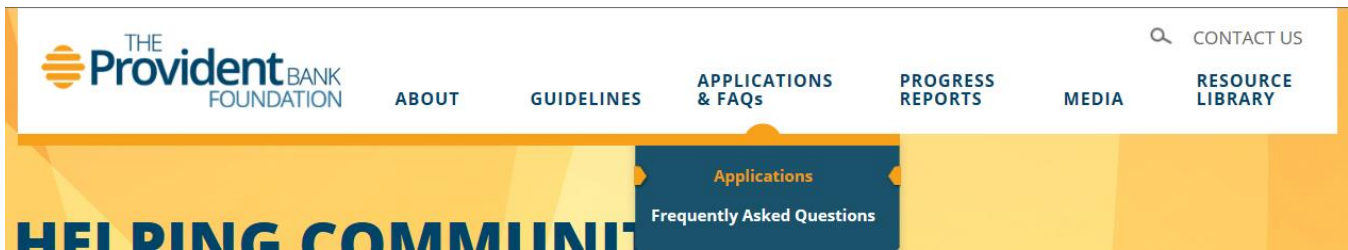
If there has been a change in leadership, change of address, or another change to your organization's contact information, please email the Foundation at [Foundation@Provident.Bank](mailto:Foundation@Provident.Bank) so we can update our database.

#### NAVIGATING THE PROVIDENT BANK FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE

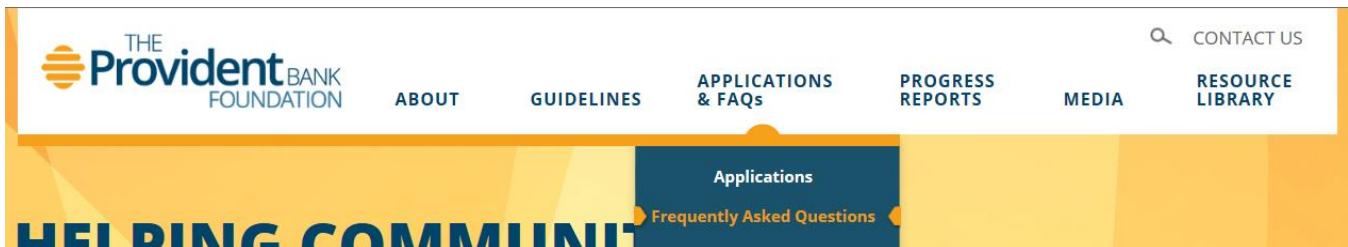
- Click on the **GUIDELINES** tab and review all guidelines, rules, and requirements.



- Once reviewed and ready to start the application/LOI, click on the **APPLICATIONS & FAQs** tab, then select **Applications** from the menu.



- If you have any questions, refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions** link in the menu.



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### PREPARING TO APPLY

- It is imperative that you read through the IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A REQUEST section prior to scrolling down to each grant opportunity link.

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# IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING A REQUEST

- All LOIs and applications must be submitted through the application links provided below.
- Refer to the [FAQ GUIDE](#) for instructions and any questions you may have in regards to our online system.
- Failure to follow directions may result in requests being denied.
- Please read and follow all instructions and deadlines carefully.
- Ensure all applicable supporting materials are attached.
- Community Grant requests are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. Turn-around time for disposition is no more than 90 days.
- Major Grant and Signature Grant LOIs and applications will be reviewed after the applicable deadlines listed on the [GUIDELINES](#) page. If you have questions about timing, contact the Foundation.

If you have already started an application/LOI and you would like to complete your draft, this link will take you to your Account Information Portal. You will need to log in using the email and password you created when you started the application/LOI.

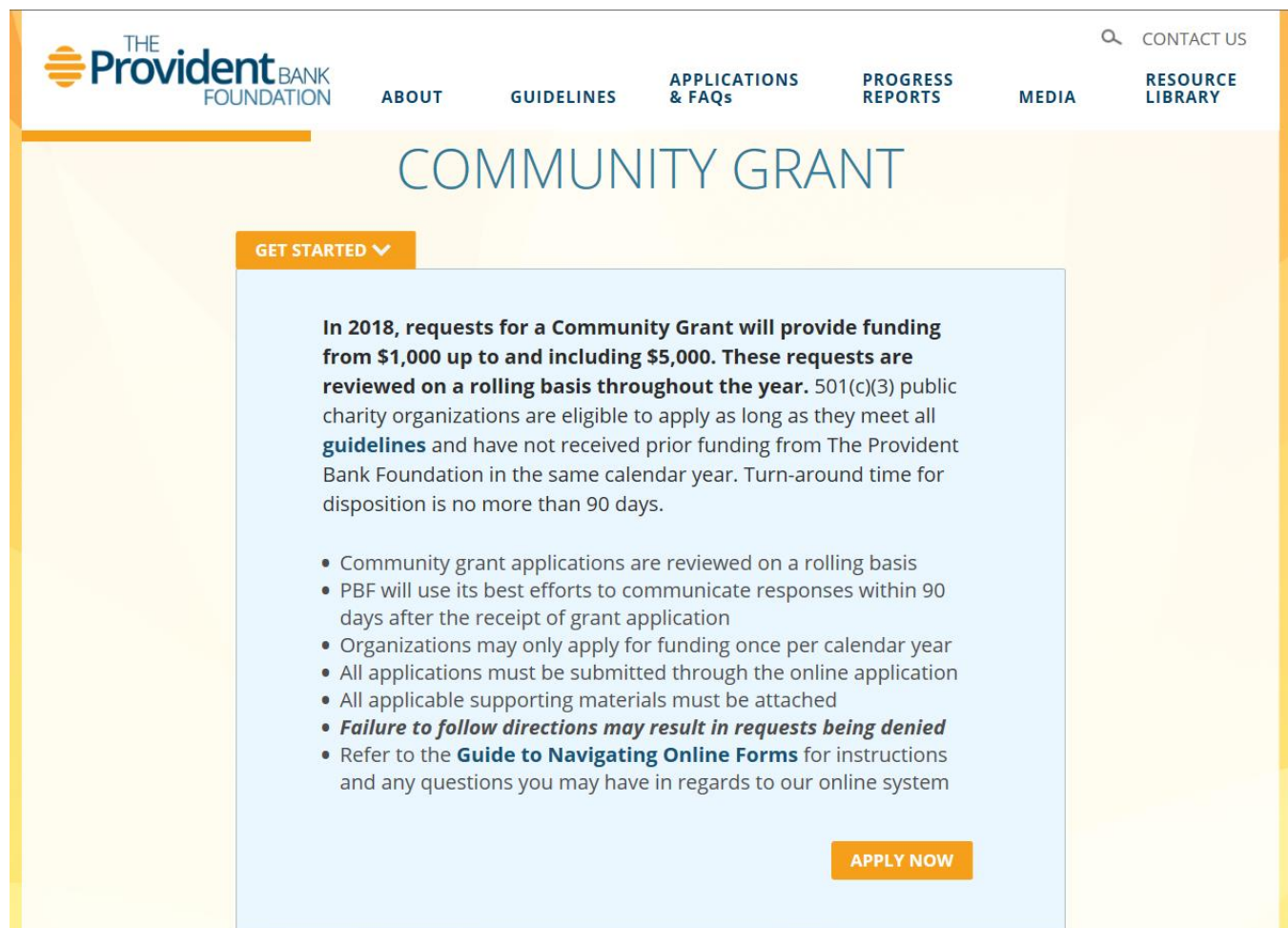
If you have already started an application or LOI, [CLICK HERE](#) to login and access your drafts.

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- Links are provided to access each grant request – this includes the Community Grant application, the LOI for the current Major Grant cycle, and the LOI for the current Signature Grant focus area.
- Click on the **APPLY NOW** button under the **GET STARTED** tab for the grant you are applying for.

**\*IMPORTANT:** Major and Signature Grant applications are by invitation only and can only be accessed with a unique link. Only if you have been invited to submit a formal application will the link be made available (by way of an email from PBF).



The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with the logo and links for ABOUT, GUIDELINES, APPLICATIONS & FAQs, PROGRESS REPORTS, MEDIA, and RESOURCE LIBRARY. The main heading is 'COMMUNITY GRANT'. A 'GET STARTED' dropdown menu is open, displaying a text box with the following information: 'In 2018, requests for a Community Grant will provide funding from \$1,000 up to and including \$5,000. These requests are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. 501(c)(3) public charity organizations are eligible to apply as long as they meet all guidelines and have not received prior funding from The Provident Bank Foundation in the same calendar year. Turn-around time for disposition is no more than 90 days.' Below this text is a bulleted list of details: 'Community grant applications are reviewed on a rolling basis', 'PBF will use its best efforts to communicate responses within 90 days after the receipt of grant application', 'Organizations may only apply for funding once per calendar year', 'All applications must be submitted through the online application', 'All applicable supporting materials must be attached', 'Failure to follow directions may result in requests being denied', and 'Refer to the Guide to Navigating Online Forms for instructions and any questions you may have in regards to our online system'. An 'APPLY NOW' button is located at the bottom right of the text box.

### NAVIGATING THE ONLINE APPLICATION/LOI

Follow these instructions to learn how to sign in, apply, submit, save and retrieve draft applications.

**\*IMPORTANT** about saving your application:

- To save your application as a draft, click on the **SAVE DRAFT** button at the bottom of the page.

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- Each time you save a draft, an email of your saved application will be sent to the email address associated with the Account Information Portal. You may add additional email recipients.
- Your account will time out after 45 minutes of inactivity. Any work not saved during that time will be lost.

### LOGIN PAGE

#### *Please Sign In*

- If you are a new applicant, create an account by selecting “New Applicant?”
- If you forgot your password, click “Forgot Password?” before contacting PBF. Please remember to check your junk/spam folder. If you do not receive an email within 24 hours, please email [Foundation@Provident.Bank](mailto:Foundation@Provident.Bank) and ask for your password to be reset. When you email PBF, please make sure you provide the correct email address associated with the account.
- Your email address must be associated with your 501(c)(3) organization.

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**Please Sign In**

- If you have an account, please log in using your e-mail address and password.
- If you are a new online applicant, please create an account using the “new applicant” link found below.
- If you have forgotten your password, click the “forgot password link” and it will be sent to you.
- If you have questions for The Provident Bank Foundation, contact us at [Foundation@Provident.Bank](mailto:Foundation@Provident.Bank).

E-mail  Password

New Applicant? Forgot Password?

Login

**Enter your Tax ID:** This information can be found on [www.Guidestar.org](http://www.Guidestar.org) under the IRS Business Master File or in your organization's IRS Letter of Exempt Status.

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**All organizations must** be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity organization under the Internal Revenue Code and are determined to be exempt, and which are classified as public charities and not “private foundations” under Sections 509(a)(1) or (2) of the code in order to receive funding offered by The Provident Bank Foundation (PBF).

**If you have any questions regarding the Eligibility Quiz or your Tax Status, please review the Detailed Guidelines located on our website and visit [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org).**

Please enter your Tax ID:

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### ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

You will be prompted to complete the Eligibility Quiz every time you sign in. Any questions about your organization's eligibility can be found on PBF's website under the [Guidelines tab](#).

Organizations applying to PBF for funding must be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity organization and be determined to be exempt, and which are classified as public charities and not "private foundations" under Sections 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the code.



#### ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

Organizations seeking funding from The Provident Bank Foundation must be determined as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as an organization described in Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2). Organizations must also work in one or more of three main categories: community enrichment, education, and/or health, youth and families.

1. What is your organization's reason for Non-Private Foundation status?  
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2. Is your organization located in New Jersey or Eastern Pennsylvania?
3. In what New Jersey or Eastern Pennsylvania county is your organization located?
4. Are you a religious organization seeking funding that benefits your membership or congregation only?
5. Are you a political organization, including one that may be perceived as political or have portions of its program deemed political in nature by the Provident Bank Foundation?
6. Have you received funding from The Provident Bank Foundation in this calendar year?
7. If you have received funding from The Provident Bank Foundation in the last two years, have you submitted all required reports?

Submit

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### APPLICATION/LOI

Remember to review the Guidelines as well as the Assessment Criteria for the request you are submitting to help through the application/LOI.

- A. You can click on each tab to move forward with the application/LOI, or to go back to a previous section.
- B. Please reference the links under the PBF logo for any questions you have regarding the grant guidelines or to contact the Foundation.
- C. If you need to print or email a draft of your application/LOI, please use the links provided on the form.



**Attachments:** Review the grant Guidelines to learn more about the required attachments. If you have any issue uploading documents, email the Foundation at [Foundation@Provident.Bank](mailto:Foundation@Provident.Bank).

- Our system accepts **PDF** documents only.
- Use the drop-down function to sync your documents with the corresponding attachment.
- Be sure to hit the **Upload** button after selecting the document.

#### Attachments

Use the drop-down function below to attach each required document.

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##### Required (file format must be PDF):

- Itemized program/project budget and budget narrative
- Organization's annual budget
- Most recent Form 990
- Most recent audited financials
- Board of Directors and affiliations

##### Optional (file format must be PDF):

- Achievements over the past 3 years
- Logic model
- Supporting program material, specific to the request

#### Upload

The maximum size for all attachments combined is 50 MB. Please note that files with certain extensions (such as ".exe", ".com", ".vbs", or ".bat") cannot be uploaded.

Title:

File Name:

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**Review and Submit:** Be sure all information is accurate and correctly spelled, that the certification page has been signed by management, and that all required documents have been properly attached. Click **SUBMIT Application**.

- Once the application/LOI has been submitted, you are unable to make any changes.
- A confirmation email from the system containing your complete application/LOI will be sent immediately after submission to the email address associated with the Account Information Portal.
- A second confirmation email will be sent from PBF. For Community Grants, allow five (5) business days for confirmation from PBF. For Major and Signature Grant LOIs and applications, allow 10 business days for confirmation from PBF.
- If you do not receive confirmation emails within the stated timeframes, return to your Account Information Portal (as described on page 3) to ensure your application/LOI was submitted.



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### ACCOUNT INFORMATION PORTAL

#### ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT

To access your account in order to see DRAFTS and SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS, visit the [Applications page](#) on our website or click: [https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_1251?SA=AM](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1251?SA=AM).

You will be prompted to log into your account using the email address and password associated with the Account Information Portal.

Once logged in, a new screen will appear (shown below). This page defaults to **In Progress Applications**. This is where you can access your application DRAFTS.



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Requirements

**Applications**

For access to **submitted** or **draft** applications, select "Submitted Applications" from the **show drop-down** menu on the right side of the page.

Show In Progress Applications

Hide Viewer Only Applications

Application Name	Project Title	Requested	ID	Last Updated	My Role	Action
Sample Application Name	Sample Project Title	1234.00	1234	05/15/2014		  

#### IN PROGRESS (DRAFT) APPLICATIONS

*Transferring a draft application:* Click on the people icon to transfer an application. A prompted email will appear to send to the person who will be taking over the application.



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### Transfer to new owner

\*Your Name

Your E-mail samantha.plotino@provident.bank

\*E-mail  Check Email

\*Subject

Memo to New Owner 

Dear Grantee,

This message is to notify you that ownership of Application «Application\_ID» has been transferred to you. You must accept transfer of ownership in order to complete this process.

Please login to complete the application. You can login to your account, «Account\_Login\_URL», at any time.

NOTE: If you are a new user, a separate email will be sent to you with the login web page and your initial password. For security reasons you will be asked to change the password when you first log in.

*Maximum (5000) characters*  
\*Required

Transfer
Cancel

*Deleting a draft application:* Click on the trash can icon to delete an application. A pop-up will appear to confirm you want to delete the application.



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**Sharing a draft application:** Click on the envelope icon to send a copy of the application. A prompted email will appear to send to the person who will be reviewing the application.



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Show In Progress Applications ▼  
 Hide Viewer Only Applications

Application Name	Project Title	Requested	ID	Last Updated	My Role	Action
Sample Application Name	Sample Project Title	1234.00	1234	05/15/2014		  

\*Your Name

\*Your E-mail samantha.plotino@provident.bank

\*Recipient E-mail(s)   
*To send to multiple e-mail recipients, separate e-mail addresses with commas. A maximum of 10 recipients is allowed.*

\*Subject

Message

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Send me a copy

Attach Application

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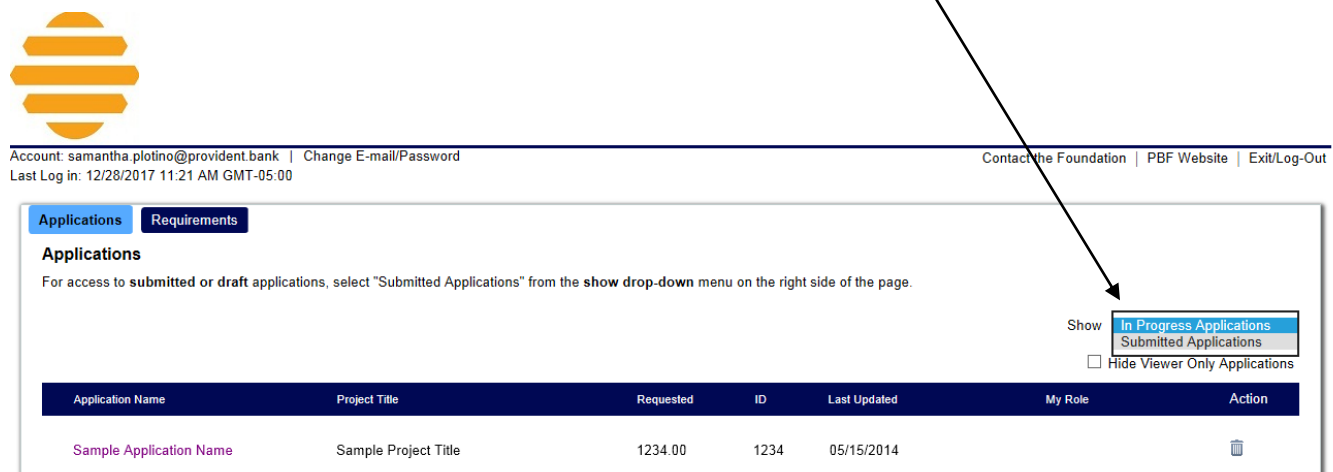
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### SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS

Once you click the SUBMIT Application button, you are able to review it in your Account Portal. However, once submitted, no changes can be made to the application. Submitted applications cannot be deleted. The only functions allowed are to transfer or share the application.

After submitting an application/LOI, you will receive two (2) confirmation emails: one sent immediately after submission from the system containing your complete application/LOI, and the second directly from PBF. For Community Grants, allow five (5) business days for confirmation from PBF. For Major and Signature Grant LOIs and applications, allow 10 business days for confirmation from PBF. If you do not receive confirmation emails within the stated timeframes, return to your Account Information Portal (as described on page 3) to ensure your application/LOI was submitted.

To see your submitted applications, select **Submitted Applications** in the “Show” drop-down menu.



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Show **In Progress Applications**  
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 Hide Viewer Only Applications

*Transferring a submitted application to a new owner:* Click on the transfer icon, as shown below. This will bring you to a prompted email to send to the person who will be taking over the application.



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**Transfer to new owner**

\*Your Name

Your E-mail samantha.plotino@provident.bank

\*E-mail

\*Subject

Memo to New Owner

Dear Grantee,  
 This message is to notify you that ownership of Application 36441 has been transferred to you. You must accept transfer of ownership in order to complete this process.  
 Please login to complete the application. You can login to your account, «Account\_Login\_URL», at any time.  
 NOTE: If you are a new user, a separate email will be sent to you with the login web page and your initial password. For security reasons you will be asked to change the password when you first log in.

Maximum (5000) characters  
 \* Required

*Sharing a submitted application:* Click on the envelope icon to send a copy of the application. A prompted email will appear to send to the person who will be viewing the application.






**Applications** | Requirements

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Show Submitted Applications   
 Hide Viewer Only Applications

Application Name	Project Title	Requested	ID	Submitted	My Role	Action
TEST Application	Test application #2	1	36441	10/31/2017	Owner	  

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### Send E-mail

\*Your Name

\*Your E-mail samantha.plotino@provident.bank

\*Recipient E-mail(s)

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\*Subject

Message

*Maximum (5000) characters*

*\*Required*

Send me a copy

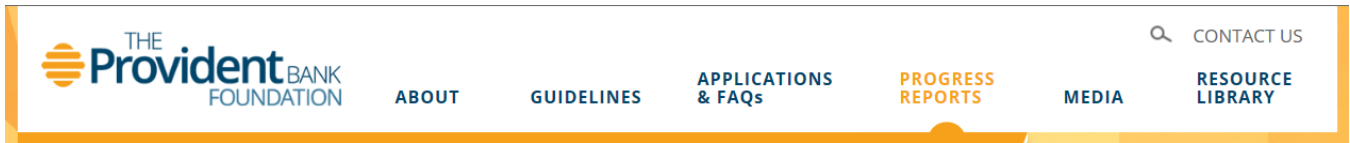
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### PROGRESS REPORTS

#### ACCESSING YOUR ACCOUNT

To access your Progress Reports (also known as “requirements”), click on the **PROGRESS REPORTS** tab or go to [https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID\\_1251?SA=AM](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1251?SA=AM).



You will be prompted to log into your account using the email address and password associated with the Account Information Portal.

Once logged in, a new screen will appear (shown below). This page defaults to **New Requirements**. To navigate between New Requirements, In Progress Requirements, and Submitted Requirements, use the “Show” drop-down menu.



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For access to **submitted or draft** requirements, select “Submitted Requirements” from the **show drop-down** menu on the right side of the page.

Show New Requirements  
In Progress Requirements  
Submitted Requirements

Form Name	Project Title	Type	ID	Due	Updated	My Role	Action
SMP Test	Testing	6-Month Progress Report	64640	12/8/2017	12/1/2017	Owner	  

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### NEW REQUIREMENTS & IN PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS

*Transferring a requirement:* Click on the people icon to transfer a requirement. A prompted email will appear to send to the person who will be taking over the application.






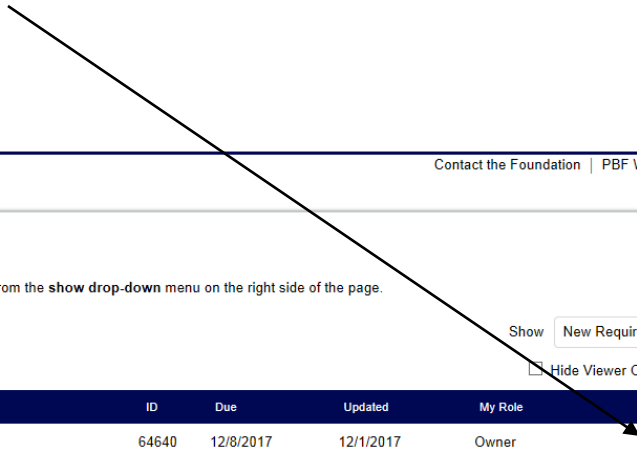
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SMP Test	Testing	6-Month Progress Report	64640	12/8/2017	12/1/2017	Owner	  



#### Transfer to new owner

\*Your Name

Your E-mail samantha.plotino@provident.bank

\*E-mail

\*Subject

Memo to New Owner

Dear Grantee,  
 This message is to notify you that ownership of Requirement 64640 has been transferred to you. You must accept transfer of ownership in order to complete this process.  
 Please login to complete the Requirement. You can login to your account, «Account\_Login\_URL» at any time.  
 NOTE: If you are a new user, a separate email will be sent to you with the login web page and your initial password. For security reasons you will be asked to change the password when you first log in.

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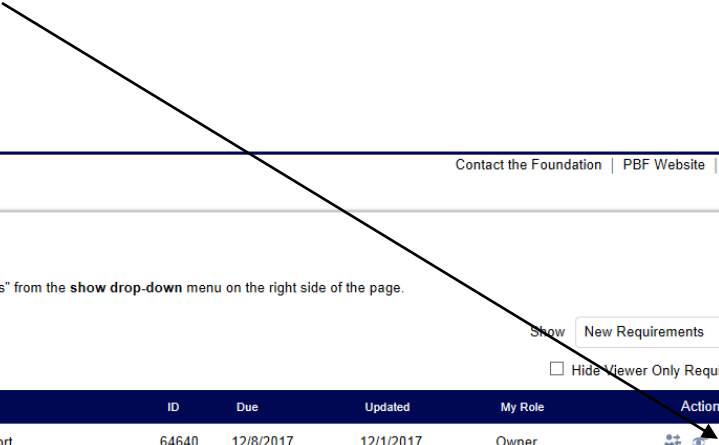
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SMP Test	Testing	6-Month Progress Report	64640	12/8/2017	12/1/2017	Owner	  

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*Sharing a submitted requirement:* Click on the envelope icon to send a copy of the requirement, as described on page 17. A prompted email will appear to send to the person who will be viewing the requirement.