

Critical Food Infrastructure Grant Information Session

Welcome, from the unceded territories of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples, stewards of these lands and waterways since time immemorial.



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The Critical Food Infrastructure Grant

- In partnership with the Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction (SDPR)
- Designed to address food security challenges throughout British Columbia
- Increase year-round access and availability of nourishing and culturally preferred foods
- Addresses barriers that restrict food access for food insecure populations because of logistical challenges, high food cost, and limited or inadequate infrastructure

Goals of CFG

- Provide solutions to improve access to food to those experiencing barriers
- Improve community's emergency food preparedness
- Improve communities' food sovereignty and self-determination around food supply
- Improve regional food redistribution and food procurement
- Support initiatives addressing low food access areas; improve transportation and distribution infrastructure.
- Promote more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive food systems across BC



The Critical Food Infrastructure Grant - Round 2

- Round 1 of funding was disbursed in March of this year.
- If you received funding through the first round of CFGI funding, for which funding was disbursed in March of this year, you are not eligible to apply for this second round.
- If you applied and were declined, you are eligible to reapply
- Previous applicants of the Climate Resilient Communities: Food Infrastructure Grant (FIG), regardless if approved or declined, are eligible to apply for CFGI

CFIG Applicant Eligibility

- All charitable organizations, as well as other non-profits
- Social enterprises
- Grassroots organizations
- Co-ops
- Community contribution companies
- Indigenous governing body, community, or Indigenous led organization (including a band or tribal council, government of a self-governing First Nation or Métis Nation Chartered Community, Society or Association, or non-profit)
- Both new projects or programs, and existing initiatives



CFIG Funding Amount

- \$5,000 - \$100,000
- A maximum of 20% may be allocated to staff time, consulting, labour or contractor fees, volunteer expenses
- A maximum of 10% can be allocated towards administrative costs
- 70% of the budget must go towards food infrastructure expenses
- You must provide a detailed budget breakdown
- Your budget items should match your stated project objectives



Eligible Expenses

- Purchase/lease of a physical site to receive, process, store and/or redistribute food
- Dry or cold storage space
- Logistics and Transportation
- Food preservation equipment
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- Infrastructure for local food sourcing and cultivation, including hunting, fishing, gathering, and gardening
- Shelters for animal husbandry
- Food infrastructure upgrades



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Ineligible Projects

- Food purchase
- Land purchase
- Routine or ongoing operating costs (e.g., utilities, insurance, fuel)
- Planning or a community needs assessment
- Community engagement resulting in the development of a community plan
- For-profit community events
- Projects that require adherence to a specific faith
- Projects with political activities
- Research projects
- Contingency fund



How to Apply

- Register and log in to portal - <https://resources.uwbc.ca/>
- Click on "Granting Streams" (on top)
- Click on the grant you're applying for
- Click on "Start a Grant Application"
- To go back to an existing application, click on "Applications & Agreements" (on top)
- Remember to **SAVE!!!** - Scroll to bottom of application to "Application Status", set "In Progress" and click on "Save"
- To submit - change "Application Status" to "Submitted" and click on "Save"



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How do I register to access the application?

Go to <https://resources.uwbc.ca/> and click on "Haven't applied before?"

A screenshot of the United Way British Columbia login page. The page features the United Way logo and tagline at the top. Below the logo is a login form with two input fields: one for an email address (jyksung@gmail.com) and one for a password (masked with dots). A black 'Log in' button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form, there are two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Haven't applied before?'.

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How do I register to access the application?

- If your organization is a registered charity with a CRA number (so you can write tax receipts for donations) click on, “My organization has a charitable registration (CRA) number.”
- If your organization is a non-profit without a CRA number, a First Nation’s Band or you’re a social enterprise, click on “My organization does not have a CRA number. I would like to use my Organization Name or First Nation's Band name.”
- Follow the directions and fill in:
 - Your organization name (full legal name)
 - Organization address
 - Your information including your email address - this will be your username
- Once you’ve submitted, you will receive an email from info@uwbc.ca to set up your password.



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Sign Up for an Account

Create an account to access funding opportunities and
track submitted applications

* How would you like to register?

- My organization has a charitable registration (CRA) number
- My organization does not have a CRA number. I would like to use my Organization Name or First Nation's Band name.
- I am applying for a "Local Love" grant

Next

How do I start an application?

Once you set up your password and log in. You will see the following – click on Granting Streams to find the grant you're applying for.

The screenshot shows the United Way British Columbia website interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo, 'Home', 'Granting Streams' (circled in red), and 'Applications & Agreements'. Below the navigation, there is a large dark banner on the left with the text 'Our Mission United Way British Columbia' and a red arrow pointing to the 'Granting Streams' section on the right. The 'Granting Streams' section features a table of open grants.

Granting Stream Name	Start Date
Community Services Recovery Fund	2023-01-06
Emergency Preparedness and Response 2022-23	2022-07-04
Fonds de relance des services communautaires	2023-01-06



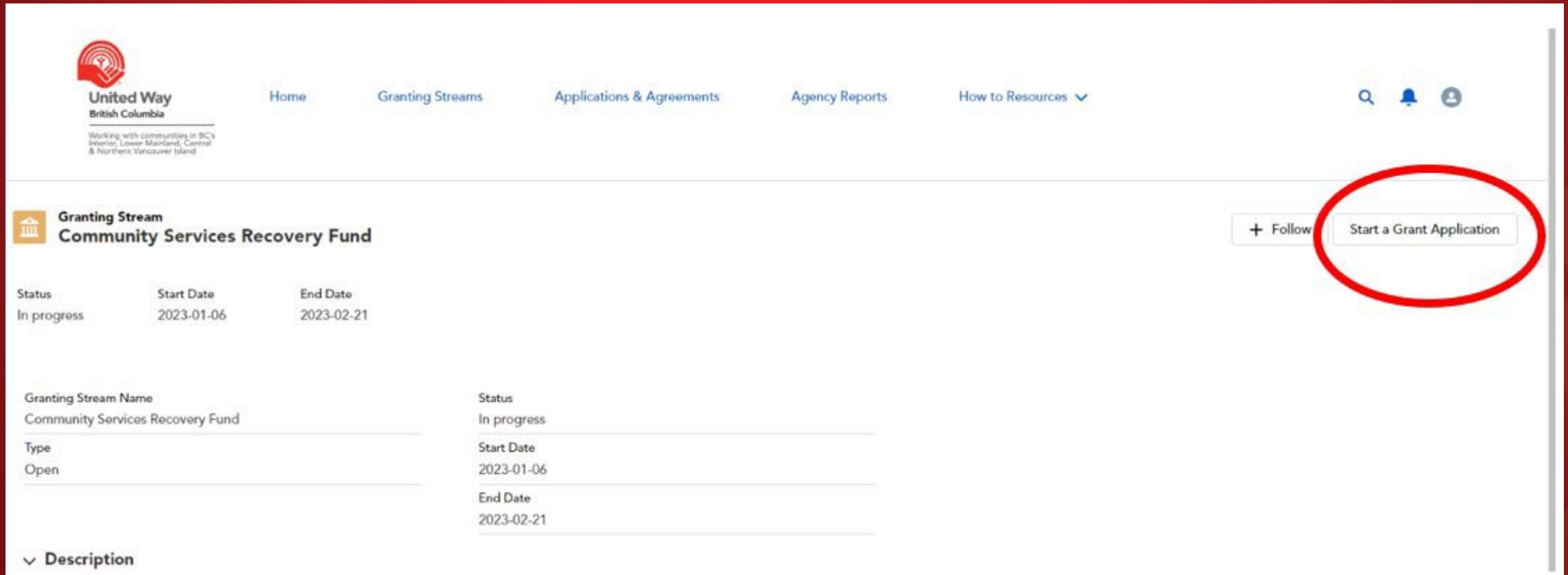
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How do I start an application?

Once you've clicked on the grant, you'll see something like below. Click on "Start Grant Application"

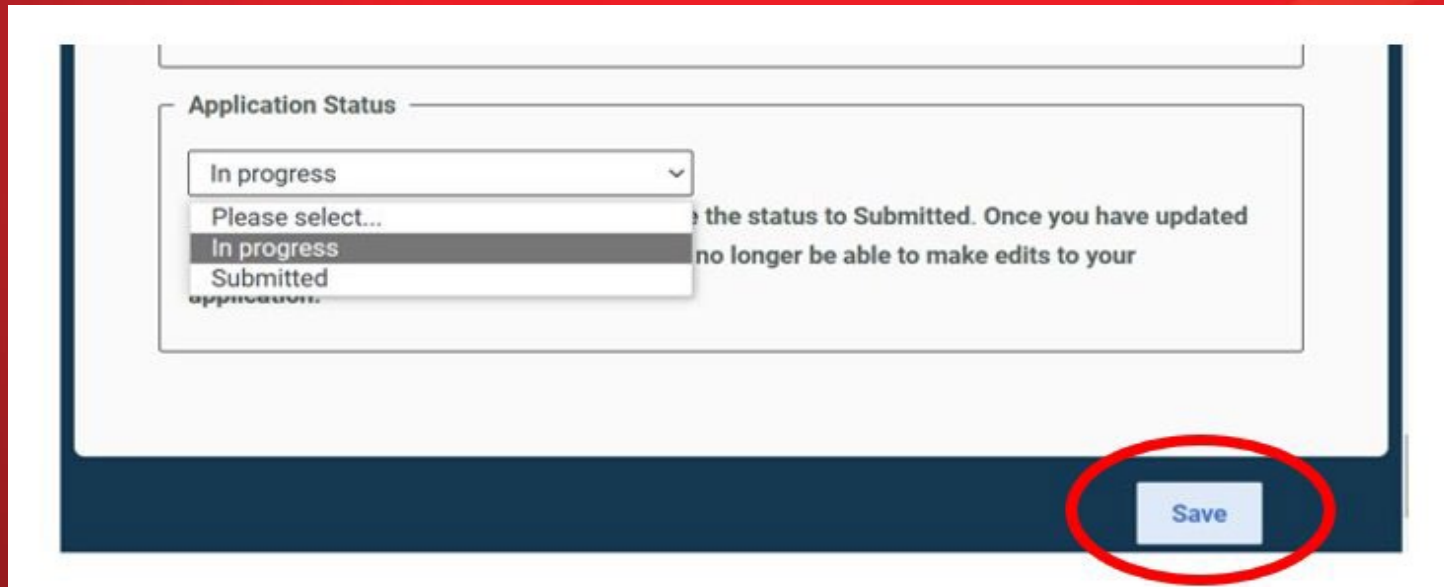


The screenshot shows the United Way British Columbia website interface. At the top left is the United Way logo with the text "United Way British Columbia" and "Working with communities in BC's Interior, Lower Mainland, Central & Northern Vancouver Island". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Granting Streams", "Applications & Agreements", "Agency Reports", and "How to Resources". On the right side of the header are search, notification, and user profile icons. The main content area features a "Granting Stream" card for the "Community Services Recovery Fund". The card includes a "Status" of "In progress", a "Start Date" of "2023-01-06", and an "End Date" of "2023-02-21". Below this, there are two columns of details: "Granting Stream Name" (Community Services Recovery Fund), "Type" (Open), "Status" (In progress), "Start Date" (2023-01-06), and "End Date" (2023-02-21). At the bottom left of the card is a "Description" section with a dropdown arrow. On the right side of the card, there are two buttons: "+ Follow" and "Start a Grant Application". The "Start a Grant Application" button is circled in red.

How do I save my application?

Please save as you work on your application!

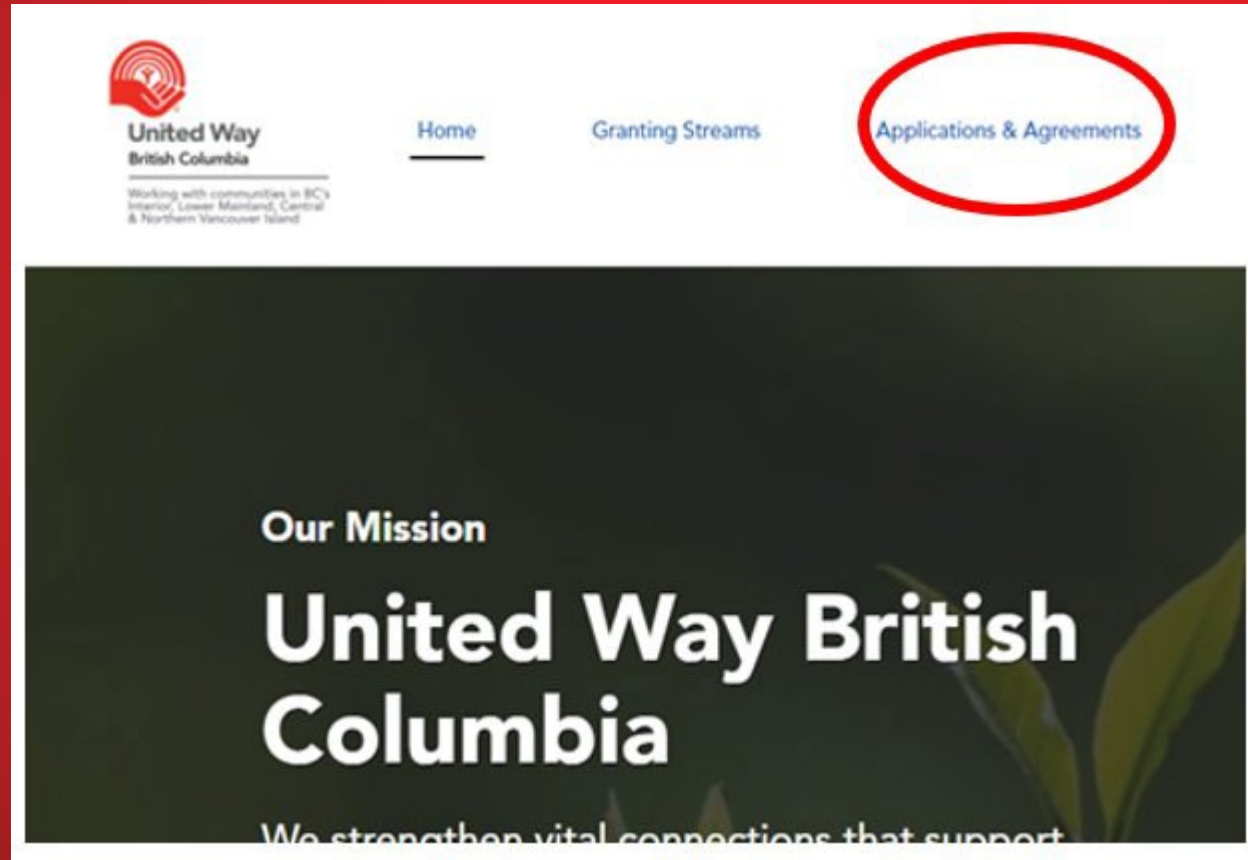
When you want to save your application with the work that you've done far, click on the SAVE button that is on the right side of your application. Once you've successfully saved, you'll be taken to a screen that says, "Thank you".



The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a section titled "Application Status" with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing three options: "In progress", "Submitted", and "Please select...". The "In progress" option is currently selected. To the right of the dropdown menu, there is a text instruction: "Please select... the status to Submitted. Once you have updated no longer be able to make edits to your application." At the bottom right of the form, there is a blue "Save" button, which is circled in red.

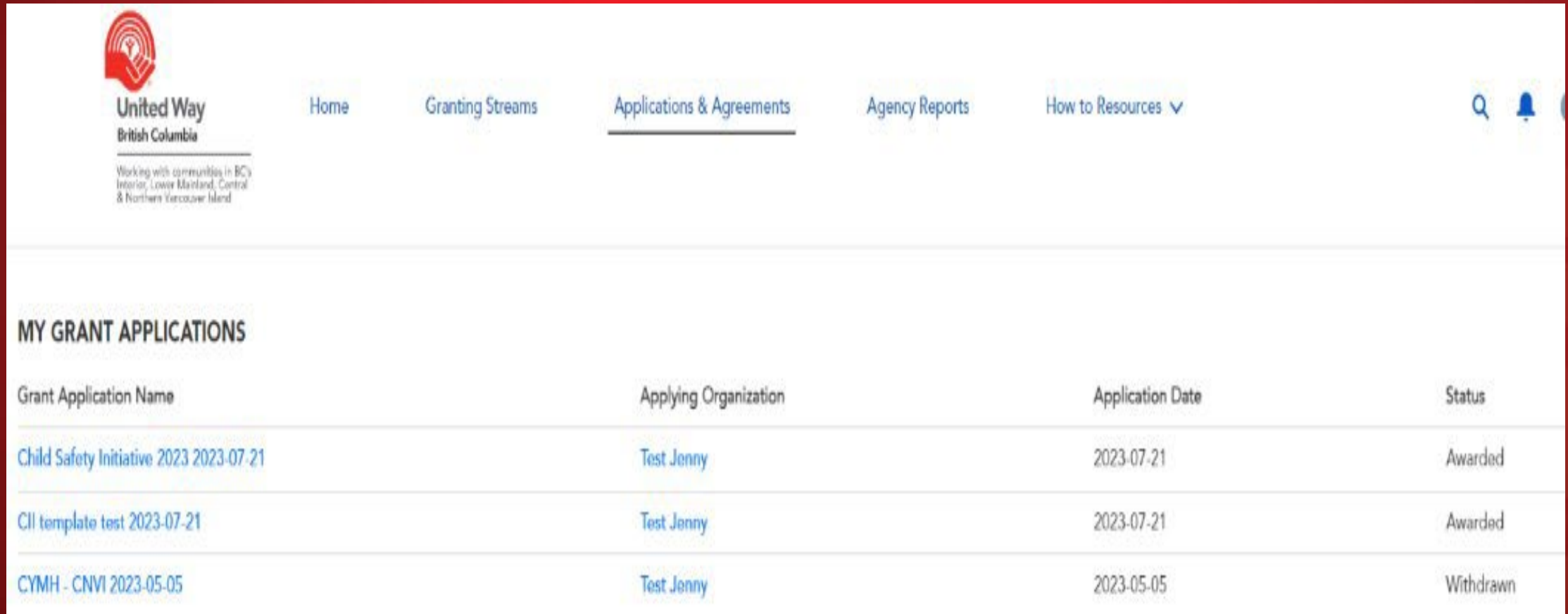
How do I go back into my application?

Click on Applications & Agreements. You will see a complete list of all the applications that your organization has applied for.



How do I go back into my application?

Click on the blue link of the application under “Grant Application Name”.



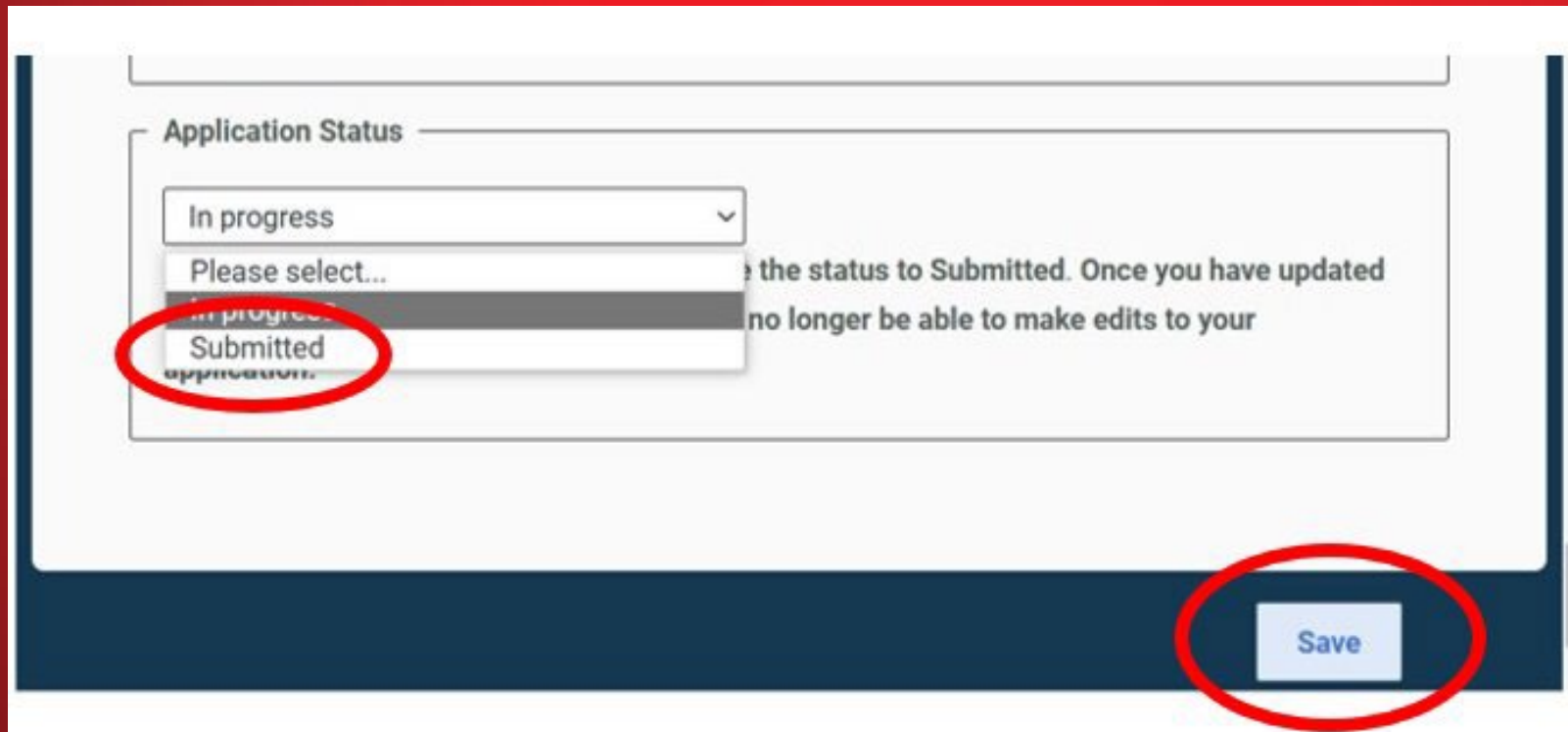
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Below the navigation bar, the section "MY GRANT APPLICATIONS" is displayed. It contains a table with the following data:

Grant Application Name	Applying Organization	Application Date	Status
Child Safety Initiative 2023 2023-07-21	Test Jenny	2023-07-21	Awarded
CII template test 2023-07-21	Test Jenny	2023-07-21	Awarded
CYMH - CNVI 2023-05-05	Test Jenny	2023-05-05	Withdrawn

How do I submit my application?

Scroll to the bottom of the application and choose “Submitted” in the drop-down “Application Status” menu, followed by “SAVE”. Once you’ve successfully submitted, you’ll be taken to a screen that says, “Thank you”. Please don’t close the page until you see that screen.



The screenshot shows a web form with a section titled "Application Status". Below the title is a dropdown menu currently set to "In progress". The dropdown is open, showing options: "Please select...", "In progress", and "Submitted". The "Submitted" option is circled in red. To the right of the dropdown, there is a warning message: "Please change the status to Submitted. Once you have updated the status to Submitted, you will no longer be able to make edits to your application." At the bottom right of the form, there is a blue "Save" button, also circled in red.

CFIG Final Report & Check-In

- Submit through the provided online link.
- Incorporate budget reconciliation details & document the project's impact on the community.
- Include photo and video documentation.
- Share instances of social media promotion or recognition of the project.

Mid-Point Check-In:

- Either by in-person or virtual meeting, provide a progress update, highlighting achievements and challenges and discussing any adjustments or updates to the project plan.



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Application Period:

The grant application will be open from April 8, 2024, at 9 AM until May 14, 2024, at 12 PM.

Grant Period: 1 year

Final Report Due: Within 6 weeks of project completion, no later than March 31, 2026



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Thank you!



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