

Environmental Funding Programs

What is new in the Grants and Contributions Enterprise Management System (GCEMS)?

Welcome to Environment and Climate Change Canada's 2020-2021 call for proposals for environmental funding.

For those of you who used the online portal last year, please note that we've made some important changes to our application system to improve your experience. This document outlines the updates.

Project Budget

- a) The **+Add Expenditures data entry window** has been simplified. It presents the information more efficiently by gathering funds requested in separate column. For example:

Expenditure type	Communications and printing, production and distribution costs					
Expenditure description *	Communication strategy and products					
	ECCC funding		Other project expenditures		Total project expenditures	
	Cash	In-kind	Cash	In-kind	Cash	In-kind
April 2019 - March 2020	10000	0	0	0	10000	0

In the **ECCC Funding column**: Enter the expenditures that will be requested from ECCC.
In the **Other project expenditures**: Enter expenditures that will be secured from other contributors.

- b) The **Project Budget** section now has the calculation functionality within the data entry window.



- c) The **error messages** have been improved for more clarity on the issue to be addressed.

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Left-side panel menu

The **Left-side menu** now saves the information when you click to change sections.

Improved view of application (PDF)

The **PDF application form** has been enhanced for easier reading.

Help for users

Help icons  have been added throughout GCEMS to ensure you have all the tools needed to successfully submit an application.

Enhanced guide for applicants

- a) The **GCEMS Applicant User Guide** includes information on the system functionalities, action buttons and basic navigation tips and tricks.
- b) For your convenience, the GCEMS Applicant User Guide is accessible directly on the **left-hand side menu**, in the GCEMS Assistance and Resource section.

Session Timed Out - Reminder

The GCEMS session will time out after 15 minutes of inactivity. Typing in a cell is not considered an activity, only clicks are considered “activity”. You will receive a notification (if your page is active) or will be disconnected (when page is inactive).

Note: Saving frequently is very important since you could lose all unsaved data when being disconnected.

