





NTIA Grants Application Portal

Digital Equity (DE) Annual Submission Guidance (Including Closeout Documents)

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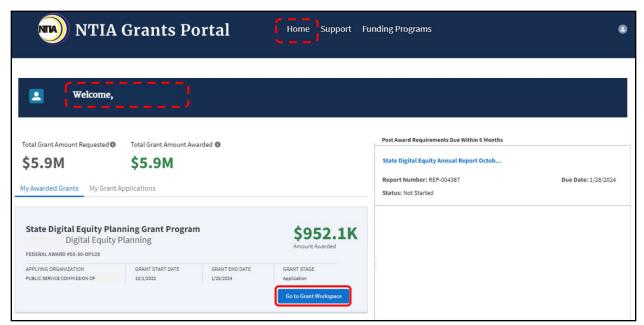
Grant Awardee: Submit the Digital Equity (DE) Annual Report (Including Closeout Documents)

The annual report is a post award requirement for the DE Planning grant. The process to submit an annual report including closeout documents is very similar to the process followed when submitting previous reports. There is a section, <u>Additional Closeout Documents Section</u>, for uploading all required closeout documents with the final annual report.

NTIA Grants Portal: Access the Grant Workspace

To access and submit the DE Plan requirement, log into the NTIA Grants Portal. From the Welcome page, click on the **Go to Grant Workspace** button.

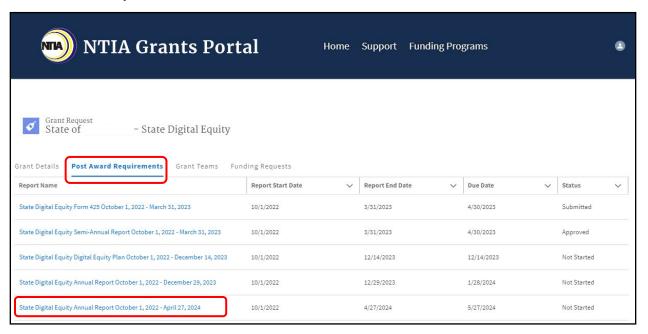
To return to the Welcome page at any time, click on **Home** near the top of the screen.







Click on the **Post Award Requirements** tab, then click on the desired **State Digital Equity Annual Report** link.



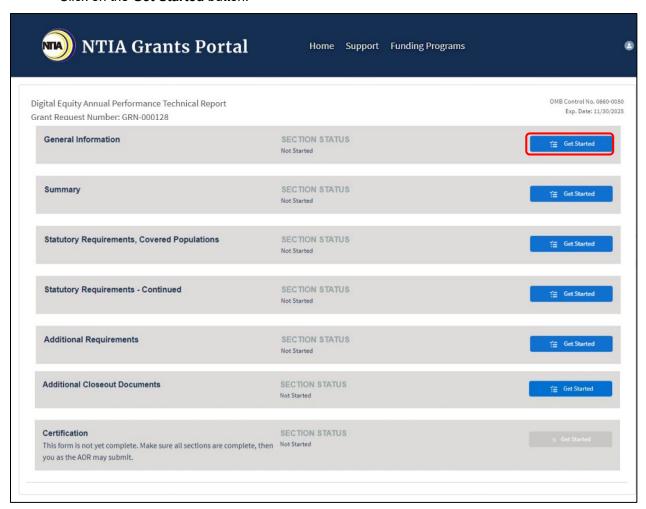






General Information Section

Click on the Get Started button.







Review the General Information read-only information listed in the pop-up modal. If corrections are needed, click on the **contact the NGP Help Desk** link to send an email. Click **Finish** to complete.

General Information				
Review the below information. If anything needs correction, contact the NGP Help Desk.				
Recipient Organization	Award Identification Number			
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF	55-30-DP128			
Recipient Street Address	Report Submission Date			
4822 MADISON YARDS WAY				
City, State, Zip Code	Final Report Yes No			
EIN Number				
396006468				
Award Start Date	Reporting Period Start Date			
2022-10-01	2022-10-01			
Award End Date	Reporting Period End Date			
2024-01-28	2024-04-27			
	Finish			







Summary Section

Click on the **Get Started** button to begin the **Summary** section.







Use the text fields provided to submit your response. Click and drag the **lower-right corner** of the text field to enlarge. Use the scrollbar as needed (not pictured). A red asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

ımmary
Please describe how the grant funds were used, in detail, and describe significant project accomplishments during this porting period funded through the SDEPG grant (600 words or less). The progress with state and local agencies (other smains) and key stakeholders needs to be represented.
esponse
If applicable, please list subcontractors, amount of funding they received, and describe how they expended funds (600 ords or less)
If applicable, please list each subrecipient that received a subgrant through funding, how much they received, and how ey expended the funds (600 words or less)
esponse
Share your state's vision for digital equity. How does your state plan to integrate digital inclusion goals in the state's oader policy goals through other departments? How will this lead to digital equity and promote full participation in the gital economy and society for all?
esponse





Continue from previous step. Click Save and Finish to complete.

5. Please describe the activities your state conducted to fulfill the program objectives listed in Section IV.C.b.i of the NOFO. (600 words or less)					
*Response					
6. Please expand on any pilots, programs, or projects you are investing in as part of the planning process. What Covered Populations are being served through these investments, and where (geographically) are the investments being made? (600 words or less)					
*Response					
7. Please describe any challenges to achieving project accomplishments during this reporting period funded through SDEPG grant. (600 words or less)					
* Response					
8. Please describe any best practices or lessons-learned obtained at this point. Please comment on items that are now part of the DE Plan that were not when the planning grant began. (600 words or less)					
Response					
9. What information, data, or technical assistance would be helpful while completing a DE implementation grant? (600 words or less)					
*Response					
Save and Finish					

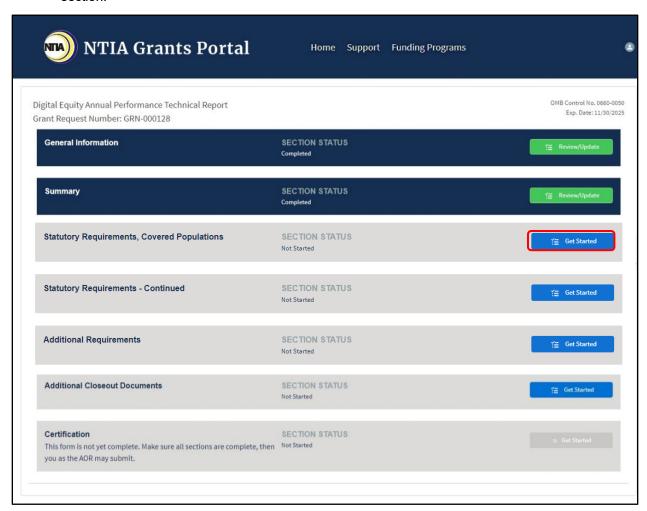






Statutory Requirements, Covered Populations Section

Click on the **Get Started** button to begin the **Statutory Requirements**, **Covered Populations** section.









Outcomes

Click a **radio button** to select your response to each outcome. Use the **Response** text field to enter a brief narrative if the response selected was **Complete** or **In Progress**.. Click and drag the **lower right corner** to expand the text field.

Outcomes	Steps
——	
Please use the following section to provide the statuses on the progress for the State Digital Equity Plan requirements.	Outcomes
10. An assessment of how the measurable objectives identified in the Covered Population section will impact and interact with the State's:	Barriers to Digital Equity
	Measurable Objective 1
a. Economic and workforce development goals, plans, and outcomes	Measurable Objective 2
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete).	
Response Not Started	Measurable Objective 3
In Progress Complete	Measurable Objective 4
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. How would digital inclusion further these goals? 100 words or less. If	 Measurable Objective 5
Not Started, enter N/A)	
Response	
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i_ <u>/</u>	
b. Educational outcomes	
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete).	
Response Not Started	
○ In Progress	
Complete	
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. How would digital inclusion further these goals? 100 words or less. If Not Started, enter N/A)	
Response	
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c. Health outcomes	
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete).	
Response	
Not Started	
○ In Progress ○ Complete	
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. How would digital inclusion further these goals? 100 words or less. If	
Not Started, enter N/A)	
Response	





Continued from previous step. Click the Next button to proceed.

d. Civic and social engagement	
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete).	
Response	
Not Started	
In Progress Complete	
Complete	
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. How would digital inclusion further these goals? 100 words or less. If Not Started, enter N/A)	
Response	
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete	
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. How would digital inclusion further these goals? 100 words or less. If Not Started, enter N/A)	
Response	
Next	







Barriers to Digital Equity

Click a **radio button** to select your response to each barrier. If you select a 'Yes' response, use the text fields that appear to enter a response. Click **Next** to proceed.

Barriers to Digital Equity			Steps
Please use the following section to provide the statuses on the progress of Populations.	for the State Digital Equity	Plan requirements regarding Covered	Outcomes
11. Identification of barriers to digital equity	faced by Cover	ed Populations in the State	Barriers to Digital Equity
11a. Individuals who live in covered househo	olds		Measurable Objective 1
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	Measurable Objective 2 Measurable Objective 3
If so, please list the barriers to implementing digital inclusion and achieving digital equity in your state for each covered population:	*Response	•	Measurable Objective 4 Measurable Objective 5
How did you identify these barriers? What was the source of information?	*Response	•	
11b. Aging Individuals			
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
11c. Incarcerated individuals, other than ind facility	lividuals who ar		
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
11d. Veterans			
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
11e. Individuals with disabilities		O	
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
11f. Individuals with a language barrier (incl and have low levels of literacy)	uding individua	als who are English learners	
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
11g. Individuals who are members of a racial	l or ethnic mino		
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
11h. Individuals who primarily reside in a ru	ral area	<u> </u>	
Have you identified any barriers to implementing digital inclusion and ac Covered Populations? (Yes/ No)	chieving digital equity for	Response Yes No	
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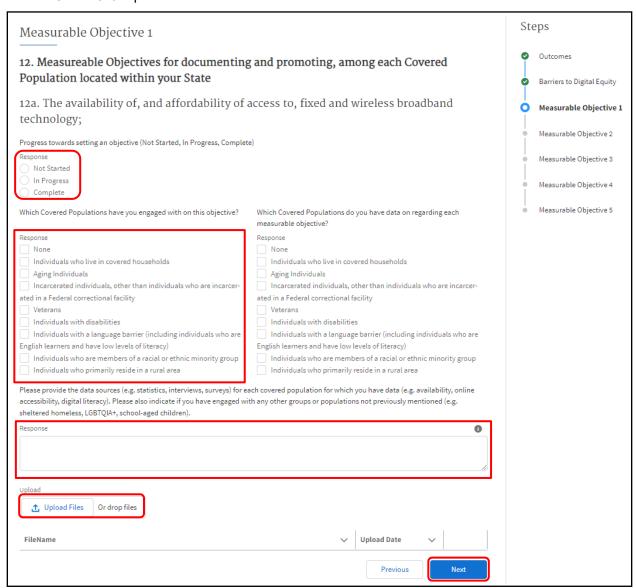


Measurable Objectives

Select responses using **radio** or **checkbox** buttons. Use the text field to enter a response. Upload files using the **Upload Files** button. Delete uploaded files by clicking the **trash can** icon (not pictured).

Note: All fields are required to be completed.

Click **Next** to proceed.



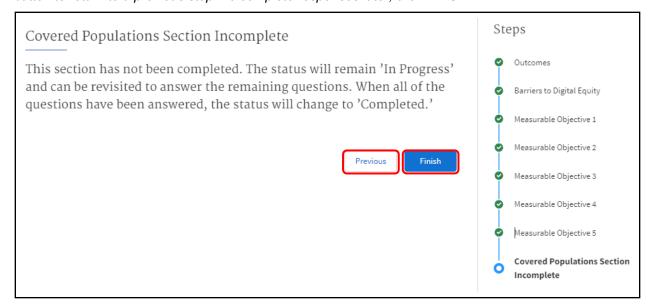
Repeat these steps for all remaining objectives.







Note: Once all measurable objective sections are completed and you click Next to continue, in the event that the Statutory Requirements or Covered Populations responses are incomplete, click on the **Previous** button to return to a previous step. To complete responses later, click **Finish**.



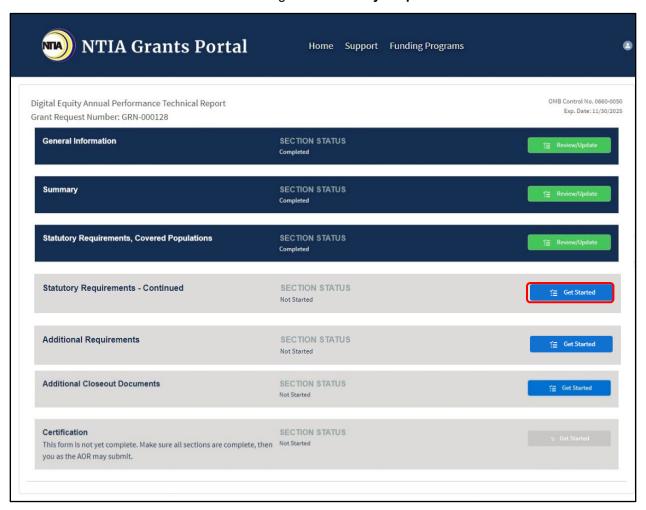






Statutory Requirements – Continued Section

Click on the **Get Started** button to begin the **Statutory Requirements – Continued** section.



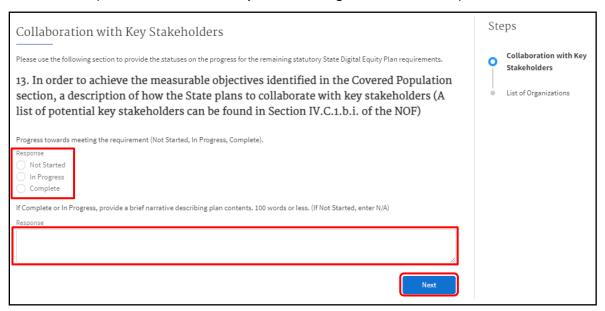






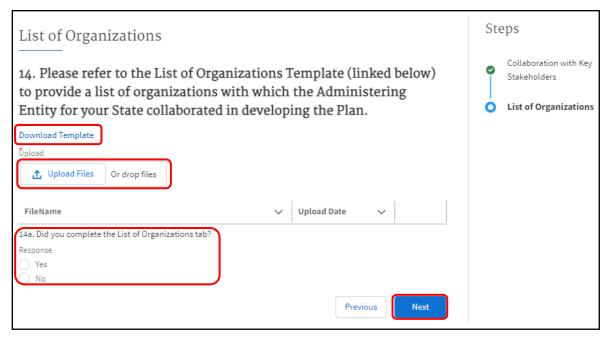
Collaboration with Key Stakeholders

Select a response using a **radio button**.Use the **Response** text field to enter a brief narrative if the response selected was **Complete** or **In Progress**. Click **Next** to proceed.



List of Organizations

Click **Download Template** link (also referred to as the List of Organizations template). A new tab opens allowing you to download the template. Click **Upload Files** to upload the completed tempate. Select a **radio button** to indicate your response. Note: You may use the **trash can** icon (not pictured) to delete an uploaded file. Click **Next** to proceed.



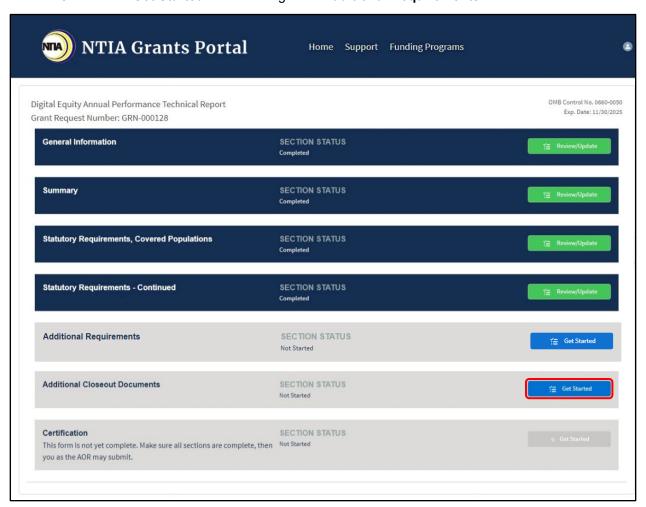






Additional Requirements Section

Click on the **Get Started** button to begin the **Additional Requirements** section.









Needs Assessment

Needs Assessment	Ste	eps
Please use the following section to provide the statuses on the progress towards meeting the State Digital Equity Plan "Additional requirements" on p. 21 of the NOFO.	0	Needs Assessment Asset Inventory
15. A digital equity needs assessment, including a comprehensive assessment of the baseline from which the State is working and the State's identification of the barriers to digital equity faced generally and by each of the covered populations in the State a. Assessment of the baseline from which the State is working Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A)		Coordination and Outreach Strategy Coordination with Municipal, Regional, and/or Tribal Digital Equity Plans Implementation Strategy Coordination with Other Federal and/or Private Funding Engagements & Partnerships
b. The State's identification of the barriers to digital equity faced generally for adoption and use		Affordability Implementation Timeline
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response		
c. The State's identification of the barriers to digital equity faced by each of the covered populations in the State Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response		
Next		







Asset Inventory

Asset Inventory	St	eps
16. An asset inventory, including current resources, programs, and strategies that	9	Needs Assessment
promote digital equity for each of the covered populations, whether publicly or privately	o	Asset Inventory
funded, as well as existing digital equity plans and programs already in place among municipal, regional, and Tribal governments	•	Coordination and Outreach Strategy
a. An asset inventory, including current resources, programs, and strategies that promote digital equity for each of the covered populations, whether publicly or privately	•	Coordination with Municipal, Regional, and/or Tribal Digital Equity Plans
funded		Implementation Strategy
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started		Coordination with Other Federal and/or Private Funding
In Progress Complete		Engagements & Partnerships
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A)		Affordability
Response	•	Implementation Timeline
b. Existing digital equity plans and programs already in place among municipal, regional, and Tribal governments		
Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete).		
Response Not Started In Progress Complete		
If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A)		
Response		
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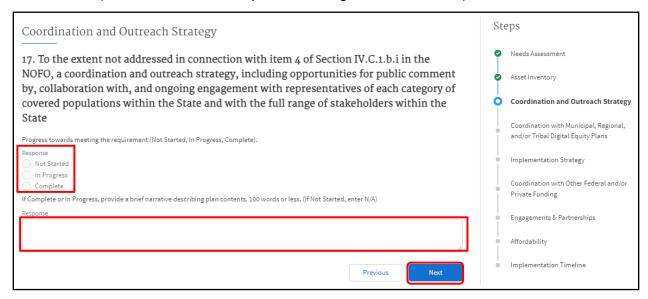




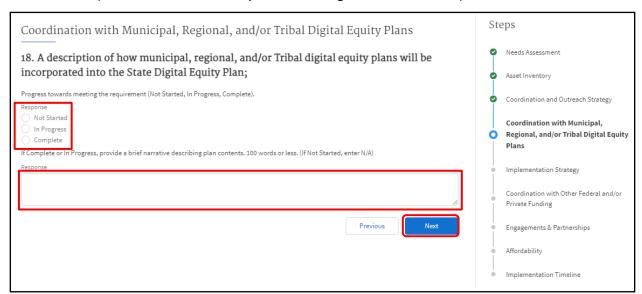


Coordination and Outreach Strategy

Select a response using a **radio button**.Use the **Response** text field to enter a brief narrative if the response selected was **Complete** or **In Progress**. Click **Next** to proceed.



Coordination with Municipal, Regional, and/or Tribal Digital Equity Plans









Implementation Strategy

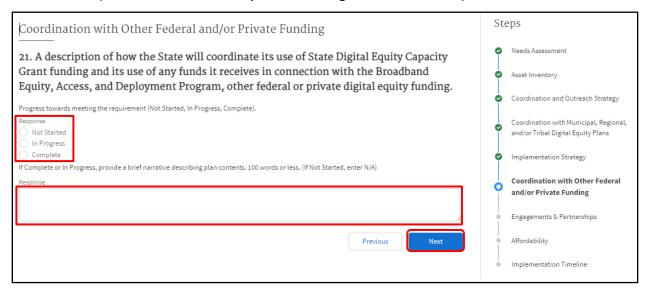
Implementation Strategy 19. An implementation strategy that is holistic and addresses the barriers to participation in the digital world, including affordability, devices, digital skills, technical support, and digital navigation. 19a. The strategy should establish measurable goals, objectives, and proposed core	Steps Needs Assessment Asset Inventory Coordination and Outreach Strategy Coordination with Municipal, Regional,
activities to address the needs of covered populations Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response	and/or Tribal Digital Equity Plans Implementation Strategy Coordination with Other Federal and/or Private Funding Engagements & Partnerships Affordability
19b. The strategy should set out measures ensuring the plan's sustainability and effectiveness across State communities Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response	■ Implementation Timeline
19c. The strategy should adopt mechanisms to ensure that the plan is regularly evaluated and updated Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents, 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response	
20. An explanation of how the implementation strategy addresses gaps in existing state, local, and private efforts to address the barriers identified pursuant to Section IV.C.1.b.i, item 1, of the NOFO Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response	
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Coordination with Other Federal and/or Private Funding









Engagements & Partnerships

and workforce organizations Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Coordination with Municipa and/or Tribal Digital Equity In Progress Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response	Engagements & Partnerships	Ste	eps
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b. Labor organizations and community—based organizations Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents, 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A) Response C. Institutions of higher learning, including but not limited to four—year colleges and universities, community colleges, education and training providers, and educational service agencies Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents, 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A)	and workforce organizations Progress towards meeting the requirement (Not Started, In Progress, Complete). Response Not Started In Progress Complete If Complete or In Progress, provide a brief narrative describing plan contents. 100 words or less. (If Not Started, enter N/A)	0-0-0-0-0	Coordination with Other Federal and/or
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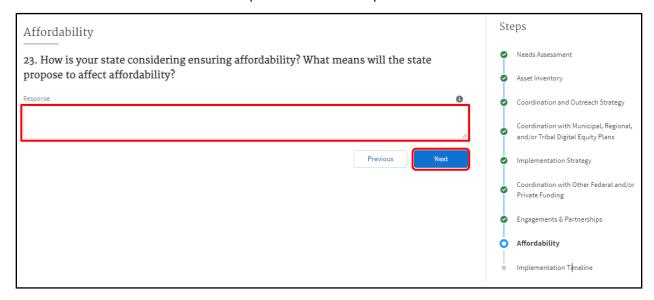




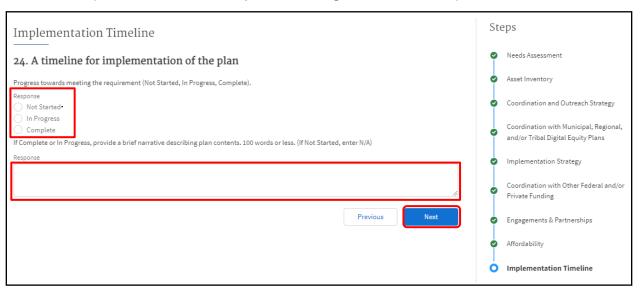


Affordability

Use the text field to enter a response. Click Next to proceed.



Implementation Timeline



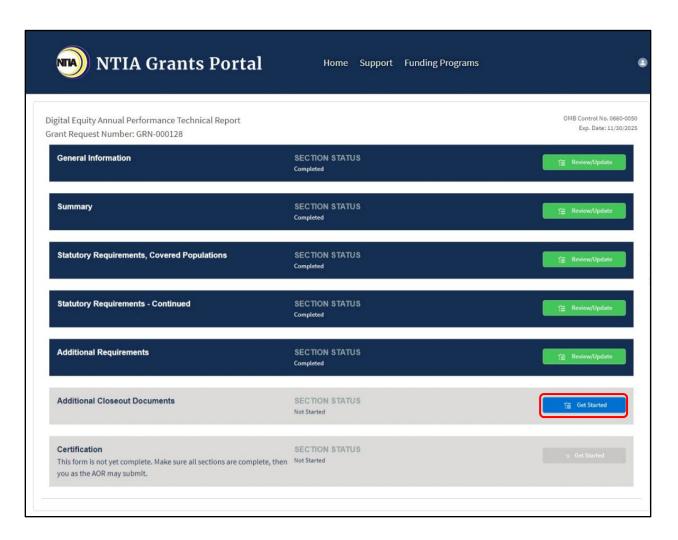






Additional Closeout Documents Section

In addition to the final annual report, grantees are required to submit additional closeout documents. To include the required documents, click the **Get Started** button in the **Additional Closeout Documents** section.









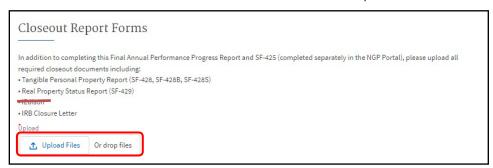
Closeout Report Forms

Click the **Upload Files** button, or use the drag-and-drop feature (for each document, to upload the forms.

Note: The following documents are **required**:

- Tangible Personal Property Reports (SF-428, SF-428B and SF-428S)
- Real Property Status Report (SF-429)
- IRB Closure Letter (if applicable)
- Final Federal Financial Report (SF-425)
- Interim Progress Report (if applicable)
- Final Progress Report

The **iEdison** document is listed but it is not a required document.



The **Upload Files** pop-up window displays with progress of the file upload. Click **Done** when file is complete.

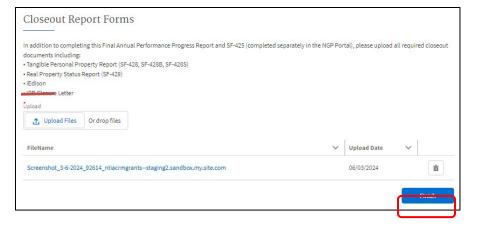


Click Finish on the Closeout Report Forms window.















Certification

Upon completing the **Digital Equity Annual Performance Report** sections, with all section statuses showing as 'Completed', the **Certification** section button becomes enabled. Click on the **Get Started** button to complete the certification.

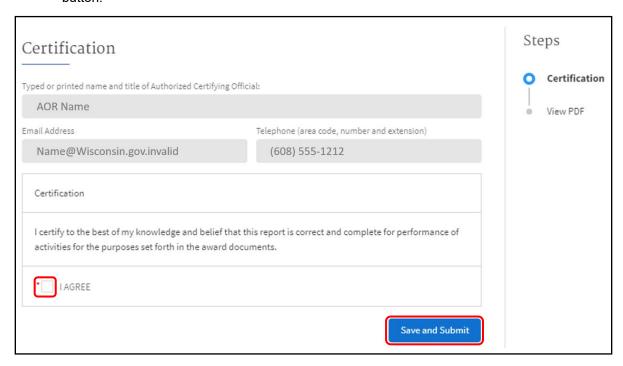
Note: Only users with the Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) role (and respective log-in credentials) may submit on behalf of the organization.







Click the **checkbox** to agree and confirm the certification, then click the **Save and Submit** button.









Download Submitted Files

After completing the **Certification** section, you can download submitted files on the **Grant Report** screen. Click **Download** to download a file. To return to the **Welcome** page, click **Home** near the top of the screen.

