



Recompete Pilot Program

Office Hours
September 2023

Opening Framing – One Month To Go!

- **You still have time to improve the quality of your application**
- **Consider getting a fresh perspective**
- **Don't wait to sign up for EDGE**
- **Keep it simple, what are you trying to accomplish?**
- **Quality > Quantity**

Agenda

- Program Overview
- Frequently Asked Questions
- EDGE Tutorial
- Eligible and Service Area Template Tutorial
- Q&A

Recompete Pilot Program Vision

The Recompete Pilot Program will invest \$200 million in distressed communities across the country. The program targets areas where prime-age (25-54 years) employment significantly trails the national average.

The funding – deployed through a two-phase competition – will provide communities both strategy development planning grants and large, flexible, implementation awards.

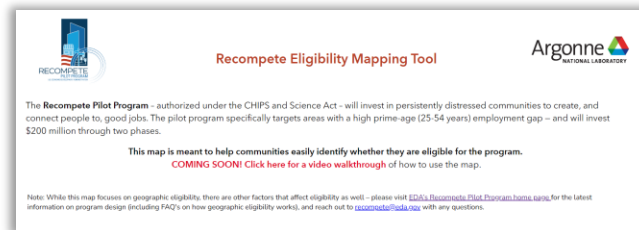
Eligibility Criteria – Recipient Type

- Political subdivision of a state
- Tribal government
- U.S. territory
- District of Columbia
- Nonprofit organization working in cooperation with a political subdivision of a state
- Economic Development District
- Consortium of any of the above

No specific type of eligible entity is any more or less competitive than other types of eligible entities – some applicants may choose to submit as one entity while others may be a coalition.

Eligibility Criteria – Eligible Area

- Recompete Pilot Program investments must be located in an Eligible Area, as determined by PAEG and other statutory requirements
- Applicants should use the **Recompete Eligibility Mapping Tool (Mapping Tool)** to identify these
- <https://disgeoportal.egs.anl.gov/Recompete/>



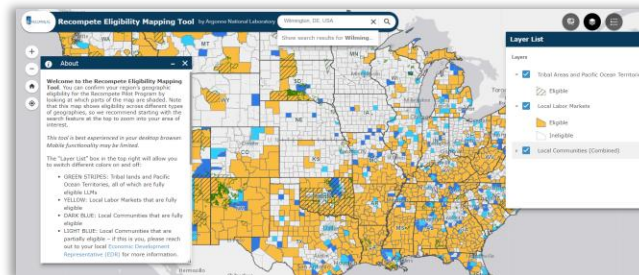
Recompete Eligibility Mapping Tool

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The **Recompete Pilot Program** - authorized under the CHIPS and Science Act - will invest in persistently distressed communities to create, and connect people to, good jobs. The pilot program specifically targets areas with a high prime-age (25-54 years) employment gap - and will invest \$200 million through two phases.

This map is meant to help communities easily identify whether they are eligible for the program.
COMING SOON! Click here for a [video walkthrough](#) of how to use the map.

Note: While this map focuses on geographic eligibility, there are other factors that affect eligibility as well - please visit [Local Communities that are Fully Eligible](#) for the latest information on program design including FAQs on how geographic eligibility works, and reach out to recompete@anl.gov with any questions.



Program Structure – Two-Phase Competition

	Application options	Total awarded
Phase 1 Jun 29 – Oct 5 at 11:59 pm ET	<p>(1) Strategy Development Grant Only (each \$250-500K, up to \$750K rarely)</p> <p>(2) Recompete Plan Approval Only (no \$, but invited to apply for Phase 2)</p> <p>(3) Both (Strat. Dev. funding <i>and</i> invited to apply for Phase 2)</p>	<p>\$6-12M total awarded in Strategy Development Grants and 20+ Recompete Plans approved across all Phase 1 applicants</p>
Phase 2 Launch this winter	<p>Implementation investment proposal consisting of 3-8 complementary projects per region (total investment on average \$20-50M, per region)</p>	<p>4-8 regions awarded (out of 20+ Finalists)</p>

All applicants receiving Strat. Dev. Grants and / or Recompete Plan approval in Phase 1 will also receive additional technical assistance from EDA, in the period between Phase 1 and the Phase 2 NOFO deadline.

Program Structure – Phase 1 Application Options

Apply for (1) a Strategy Development Grant, (2) Recompete Plan Approval, or (3) both

(1) Strategy Development Grant Only

“Our region has relevant ideas, leaders, and/or assets, but we need to do significantly more coordination and planning to be ready for Implementation funding. We do not wish to apply for Implementation funding under the upcoming Phase 2 NOFO.”

(2) Recompete Plan Approval Only

“Our region is ready to apply for Implementation funding and does not need additional resources to put together a strong Phase 2 application.”

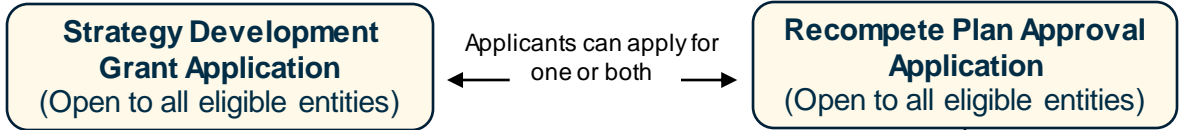
(3) Both Strat. Dev. Grant & Recompete Plan Approval

“Our region has an understanding of how to address low prime age employment and is close to being ready to apply for Implementation funding. Additional resources would strengthen our coordination, planning, and Phase 2 application development.”

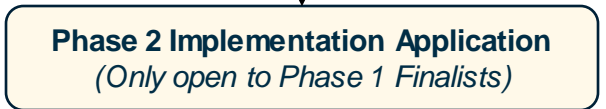
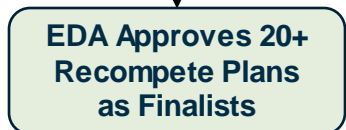
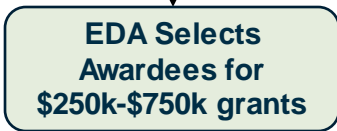
Recompete Application Process

Phase 1

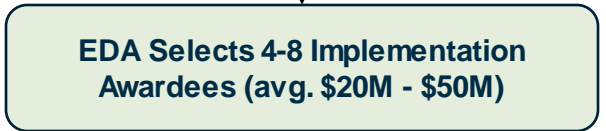
Phase 2



October 5, 2023: Phase 1 Application Deadline



TBD: Phase 2 Application Deadline



Strategy Development Grants

Definition: Funding to support a region's ability to further develop a Recompete Plan and carry out related predevelopment activities

Each \$250-500K and up to \$750K in rare circumstances; in Phase 1, ~\$6-12M total to be funded

Evaluation criteria:

1. Regional conditions assessment and preliminary idea of the assets and potential interventions needed (15 points);
2. Potential of proposed Strategy Development activities (15 points);
3. Organizational and leadership capacity (15 points); and
4. Efficient and appropriate project budget (15 points)

Recompete Plans

Definition: A multi-year plan for reducing the region's Prime Age Employment Gap

No funding associated, however applicants need an approved Recompete Plan to apply for implementation funding in Phase 2

Evaluation criteria:

1. Understanding of regional conditions and needs (15 points);
2. Strength of strategy and quality of potential investments (15 points);
3. Equity, inclusivity, and diversity (15 points);
4. Regional assets (9 points);
5. Targeted geographic approach (9 points); and
6. Partnerships and potential commitments (9 points)

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Question: Are institutions of higher education eligible to apply for this funding?

Answer: Institutions of Higher Education can apply for this program if they classify as one of the following:

- political subdivision of a State or other entity, including a special-purpose entity engaged in economic development activities; and
- a public entity or nonprofit organization, acting in cooperation with the officials of a political subdivision of a State or other entity described in the above bullet

Most public colleges and universities should meet this standard. Applicants should identify their entity-type in their application and provide supporting documentation. EDA will validate this once the application has closed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Is there a match requirement for Strategy Development grants?

Answer: There is no match requirement for Phase 1 or Phase 2 of this competition, but match will be a competitive factor in Phase 2.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: As we develop potential activities that implementation funding could support, which types of activities can be funded through this program?

Answer: Implementation Grants can fund a wide range of non-construction and construction activities that aim to increase regional capacity across the following four broad categories outlined in statute: workforce development; business and entrepreneur development; infrastructure; and additional planning, predevelopment, or technical assistance.

Please [see here for a list of sample implementation investments](#) (PDF).

EDA will not disqualify applicants based on the investments they propose. However, proposed investments will be evaluated based on their ability to “help increase per capita wages and close the prime-age employment gap.”

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: The Phase 1 Strategy Development Grant's period of performance is 18-36 months. Does this mean we need to complete the Strategy Development Grant if we want to submit a Phase 2 application?

Answer: No. Applicants who receive a Phase 1 Strategy Development Grant and Recompete Plan Approval are free to continue to spend their Strategy Development Grant funding after they submit a Phase 2 Implementation application and after EDA announces Implementation grant recipients. Should an applicant receive Phase 2 funding they could utilize any Phase 1 Strategy Development Grant funding remaining to complement their use of Implementation funds.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Can I submit an application with multiple eligible areas?

Answer: Yes, applicants are free to identify multiple Eligible Areas as their region's geography in their application. They should also identify the service area within those eligible areas. See above FAQ defining eligible area and service area. Please note that "Targeted geographic approach" is a competitiveness factor in the Phase 1 NOFO (see section A.1.e(4) on page 12). Applicants should specifically identify their service area within the eligible geography and how the proposed interventions will create long-run, sustained benefits to that area. EDA has published an optional eligible and service area template that can be submitted with your application. You can [find that template here](#). (XLSX)

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Step 1 – Determine if you will apply as a coalition or as a single organization

If coalition:

- Make sure all members are one of the eligible entities
- Determine which organization will serve as Lead Applicant

If single organization:

- Your organization will serve as Lead Applicant

Note: *Coalition membership may change between Phase 1 and 2 – members added in EDGE **do not** need to be comprehensive at this stage.*

By statute, **eligible entities** for the Recompete program include:

1. a unit of local government;
2. the District of Columbia;
3. a territory of the United States;
4. a Tribal government;
5. political subdivision of a State or other entity, including a special-purpose entity engaged in economic development activities;
6. a public entity or nonprofit organization, acting in cooperation with the officials of a political subdivision of a State or other entity described in the previous bullet;
7. an economic development district; and
8. a **coalition** of any of the specified entities described above which serve or are contained within the same eligible area.

Applicants must be one of the above eligible entity types and be located within or serve an area indicated as eligible on the Mapping Tool (or provide data showing eligibility if the geography is not reflected in the Mapping Tool). Applicants should be able to represent and act on behalf of the eligible area.

Step 2 – Register Lead Applicant in SAM.GOV (TODAY!)



Lead Applicants are required to: (i) be registered in SAM; (ii) provide a valid unique entity identifier (UEI) in the application (The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov); (iii) make certain certifications (see section H.5 of the NOFO); and (iv) continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which they have an active federal award, or an application or plan under consideration by a federal awarding agency.

If your organization has not previously registered, please do this as soon as possible on <https://sam.gov/content/home>

Resources:

- Prepare to register in SAM.GOV by going through the Entity Registration [checklist](#)
- Need help? Head to the Federal Service [help desk](#). If your question isn't answered there, [create an incident](#) or use the [live chat function](#).

Step 3 – Sign up for EDGE

1) Click “Log In” on the [Recompete Pilot Program EDGE homepage](#)

Application Assistance
Please reach out to an EDA representative for assistance in filling out your application. Click on the following link for contact information: [EDA.Gov](#)

FY 2023 Recompete Pilot Program - Phase 1

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Program Details
Current Program Status: [Log In](#)

Important Dates
📅 10/05/2023 - Applications Due

Resources
Name _____

Step 3 – Sign up for EDGE

2) Click “Not a member?”

The image shows a login interface with the following elements:

- A text input field with a person icon and the label "Username".
- A text input field with a lock icon and the label "Password".
- A blue button labeled "Log in".
- A link labeled "Forgot Username or Password?" with a right-pointing arrow.
- A link labeled "Not a member?" which is circled in red.

A red dashed line starts from the "Not a member?" link, loops around the "Log in" button, and points back to the "Not a member?" link.

Step 3 – Sign up for EDGE

3) Fill in Contact information

Note: Once you register, others in your organization will be able to join your organization as users.

Contact

* First Name	* Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Email	* Contact Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
* Title	
<input type="text"/>	

Step 3 – Sign up for EDGE

4) Fill in Organization information

If you are the Lead Applicant: You need a UEI to sign up for EDGE. You will need a CAGE code if selected for an award, but do not need it to sign up for EDGE.

If you are NOT the Lead Applicant: You do not need a UEI or CAGE code to sign up for EDGE.

Organization

* Are you registering only as a Member (not as a Lead) of a Consortium for Tech Hubs or of a Coalition for Recompete?
 Yes No

* Organization Name

* Street Name

* City * State * Zip Code * Country

* Organization Phone * UEI CAGE Code

* TIN

UEI = Unique Entity ID (need to register in SAM.gov for this)

CAGE Code = a five-character ID number used by the Federal Government to identify vendors. CAGE stands for “Commercial And Government Entity.” (need to register in SAM.gov for this)

TIN = Your organization’s Tax ID number (also known as EIN - Employer Identification Number)

Step 4 – Log into EDGE

Now that you have an account, “Log In” on the [Recompete Pilot Program EDGE homepage](#)

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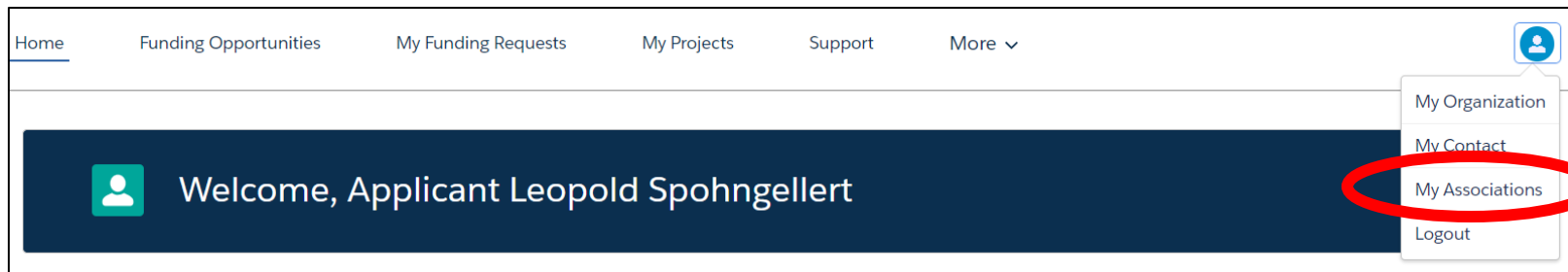
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Resources

Name

Step 4b – If you are a coalition, create an association



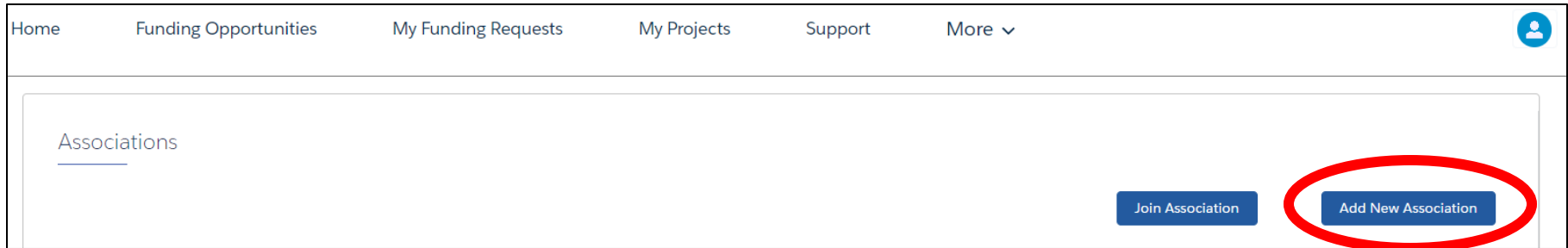
The screenshot shows the Recompete user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Funding Opportunities, My Funding Requests, My Projects, Support, and More. A user profile icon is in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue banner displays a user profile icon and the text "Welcome, Applicant Leopold Spohngellert". A dropdown menu is open from the user profile icon, listing "My Organization", "My Contact", "My Associations" (which is circled in red), and "Logout".

Reminder: Recompete applicants **do not** need to be a coalition to apply, however please see the NOFO for more information on partnerships.

"Regardless of whether an application represents a coalition or single organization, EDA fully anticipates partnerships between applicants, businesses, institutions of higher education, labor unions and federations, non-profits and other regional organizations" -- NOFO, page 9

Step 4b – If you are a coalition, create an association

Click “Add New Association”



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Recompete website with the following links: Home, Funding Opportunities, My Funding Requests, My Projects, Support, and More. A user profile icon is visible in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the 'Associations' section is displayed. It features a heading 'Associations' with a blue underline. At the bottom right of this section, there are two blue buttons: 'Join Association' and 'Add New Association'. The 'Add New Association' button is circled in red.

Step 4b – If you are a coalition, create an association

You **MUST** select “Coalition” for Recompete. DO NOT select Consortium.

Add New Association

Choose your association type: Consortium for Tech Hub, Coalition for Recompete

*What type of association? ⓘ

-- Clear --

Consortium

Coalition

Next

Steps

- Add New Association
- Confirm Association Information

Step 4b – If you are a coalition, create an association

Name your association

Add New Association

Choose your association type: Consortium for Tech Hub, Coalition for Recompete

* What type of association? ⓘ

Coalition ▼

* Association Name

My Test Recompete Coalition 234

Lead Organization

Leopold's Org

Next

Steps

- Add New Association
- Confirm Association Information

Step 4b – If you are a coalition, create an association

Click “Add Member Organization”

Association Information

Association Id
A-000062

Name
TEST COALITION

Type
Coalition

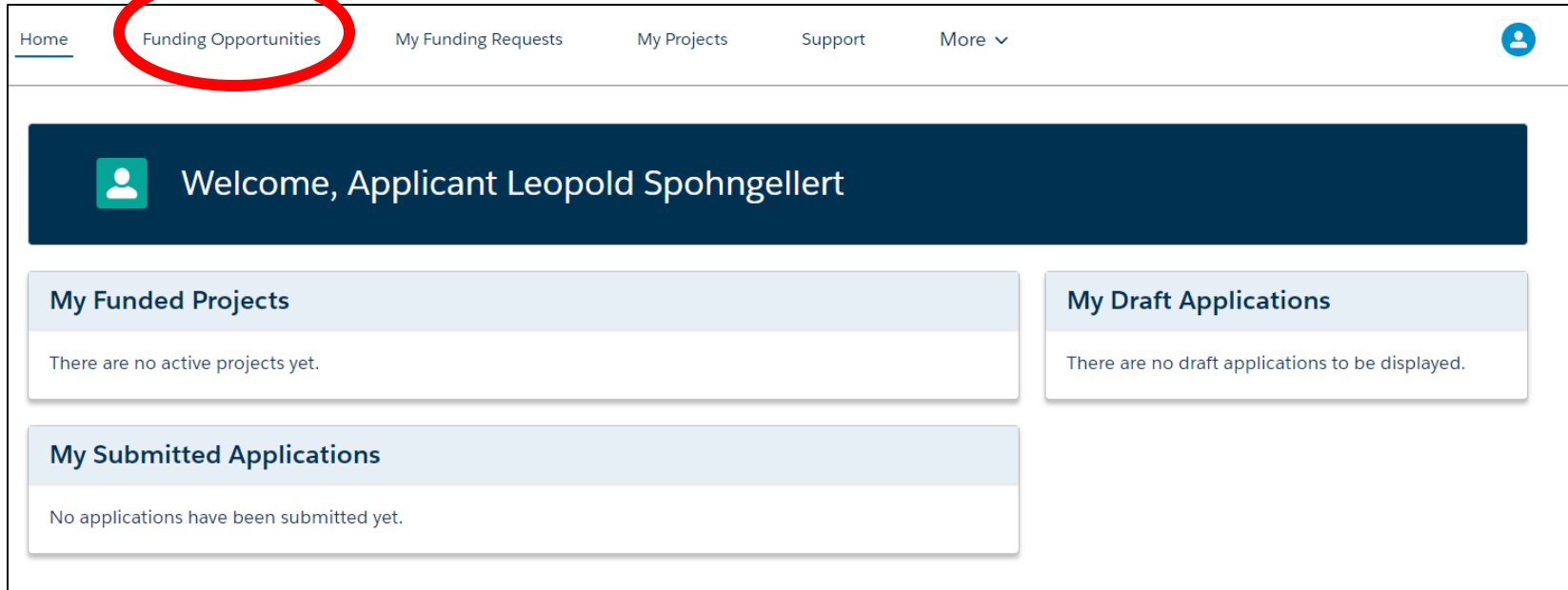
Lead Organization
Leopold's Org

Add Contact Role

Add Member Organization

Step 5 – Select Funding Opportunities

Now that you have an EDGE account, you can start your application. Click “Funding Opportunities” to find the Recompete application.



The screenshot displays the user interface of the EDGE account dashboard. At the top, a navigation bar contains the following links: Home, Funding Opportunities (circled in red), My Funding Requests, My Projects, Support, and More. A user profile icon is visible in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, a dark blue banner displays a welcome message: "Welcome, Applicant Leopold Spohngellert". The main content area is divided into three sections: "My Funded Projects" (with the message "There are no active projects yet."), "My Submitted Applications" (with the message "No applications have been submitted yet."), and "My Draft Applications" (with the message "There are no draft applications to be displayed.>").

Step 6 – Select “Recompete Pilot Program”

Accepting Applications

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FY 2023 Recompete Pilot Program

Phase 1

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[View](#)

Step 7 – Select “Apply Now”

Application Assistance

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FY 2023 Recompete Pilot Program Phase 1

Program Description

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Program Details

Current Program Status: [→ Apply Now](#)

Important Dates

No dates are currently set for this program.

Resources

This funding opportunity does not have any resources available.

Step 8 – Select which application you are applying to

If you are applying for BOTH, you must start two applications.

Select Competition

Please select a competition that you intend to apply for.

Competitions ▼

- Strategy Development - Recompete Pilot Program Phase 1
- Recompete Plan Approval - Recompete Pilot Program Phase 1

Next

Step 9 – Indicate if you are applying as a coalition

Reminder: If you are applying as a coalition, you must have already created a coalition in “My Associations” (See Step 4b)

Applying as Coalition

* Are you applying as a coalition?

Yes

No

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Step 10 – Enter a project title

Enter Project Details

Enter a Project Title for your application

* Project Title

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Continue

Step 11 – Add your application team

Funding Request
Recompete Project Example 222

Application ID
EDA-APP# 00001029

Status
Draft - In Progress

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▼ **Acknowledgment**

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▼ **Related Records**

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Add Co-Applicant	SECTION STATUS Not Started	Get Started
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Your application team consists of anyone who needs access to the application in EDGE – this may differ from who is in your coalition, if you are applying as a coalition.

Step 11 – Add your application team



Funding Request
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Application ID: EDA-APP# 00001029 Status: Draft - In Progress

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Application Team Members

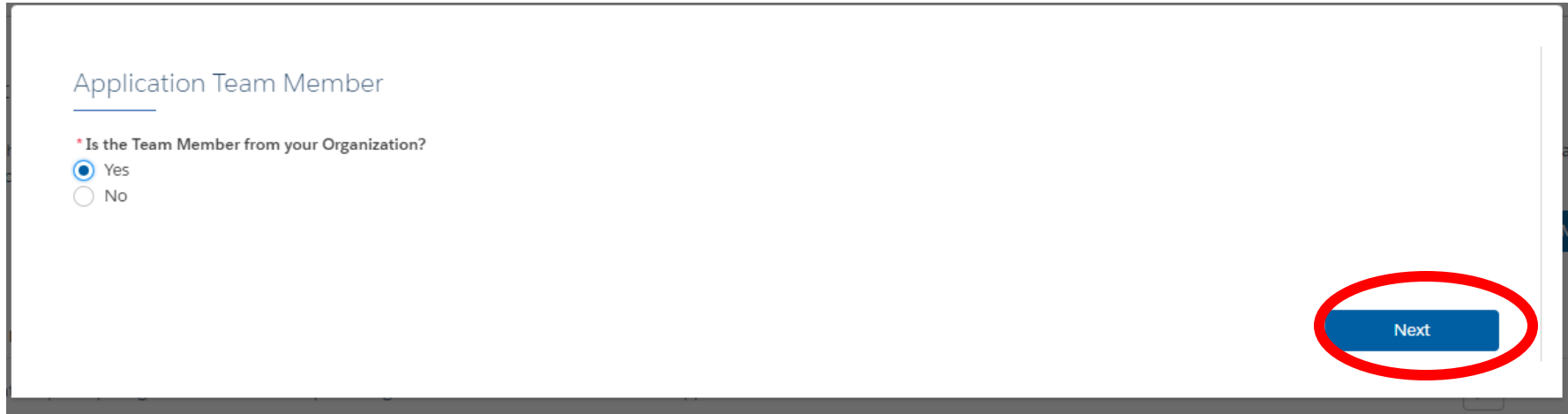
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Add Team Member

Contact Name	Organization	Role	Status	
Applicant Leopold Spohngellert	Leopold's Org	Lead Applicant	Current	

Step 11 – Add your application team

Note: We suggest you start by adding users from your Lead Organization. Then add users from your coalition organizations and/or from 3rd parties, if applicable.



Application Team Member

* Is the Team Member from your Organization?

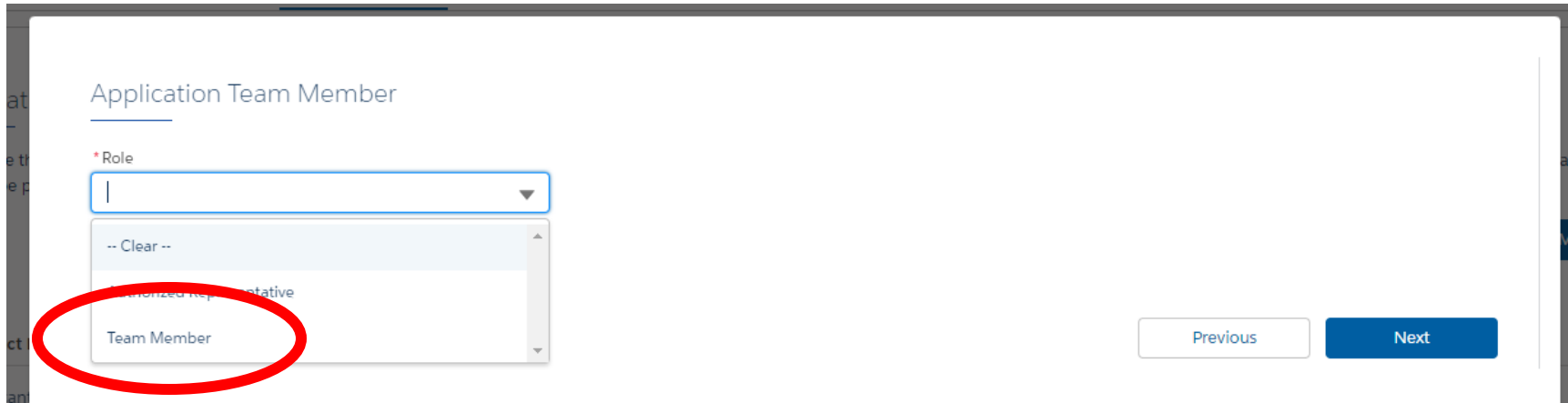
Yes

No

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Step 11 – Add your application team

Select Team Member. Please see later slides on Authorized Representative.



The screenshot displays a web form titled "Application Team Member". A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of roles. The role "Team Member" is highlighted with a red circle. Other visible options include "-- Clear --" and "Authorized Representative". To the right of the dropdown are two buttons: "Previous" and "Next".

Step 11 – Add your application team

If they haven't registered for EDGE yet: Enter the email address, they will use to set up their EDGE account. This will send them an invite to join.

If they have registered for EDGE: Enter the email address, they used to register.

Team Member Email

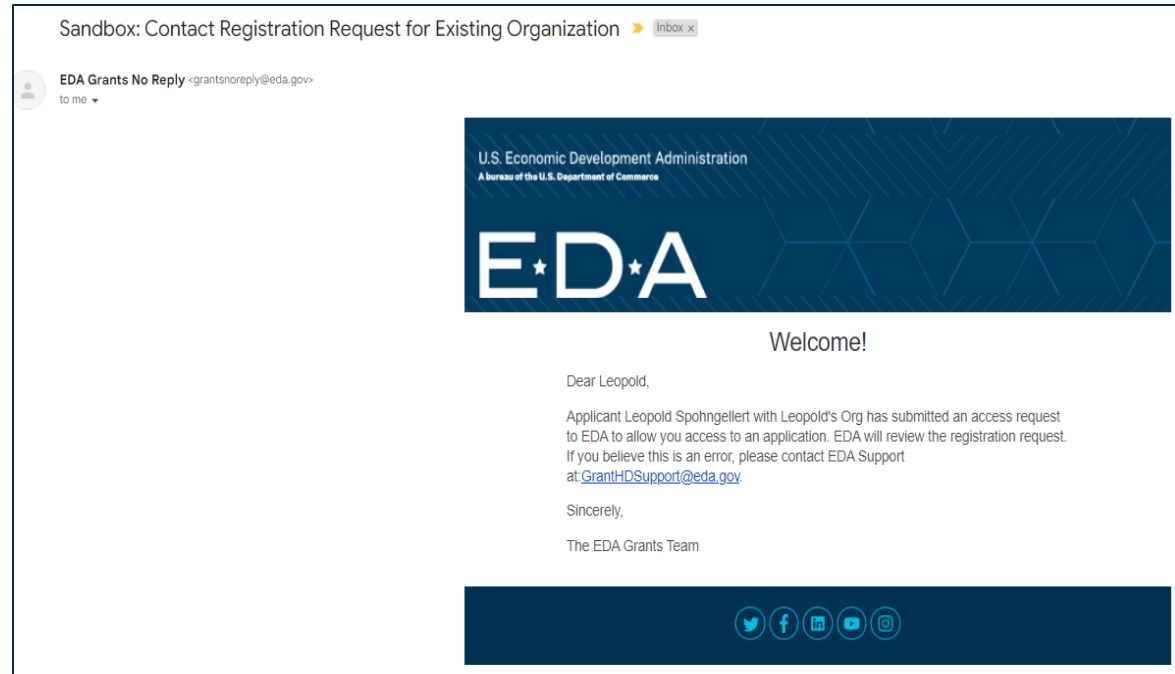
Please enter the team member email.

* Email

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Step 11 – Add your application team

EDA's team will quickly approve the request, then you will be able to access your organization's application.



Step 11b – Add Application Team – Outside Lead Org

Note: If you are a coalition or if you have 3rd parties contributing to your application, make sure to select “no” here.

Application Team Member

* Is the Team Member from your Organization?

Yes

No

Next

Step 11b – Add Application Team – Outside Lead Org

Note: Do NOT add team members as “Co-Applicant” under any circumstance. Always select “3rd Party Consultant”

Application Team Member

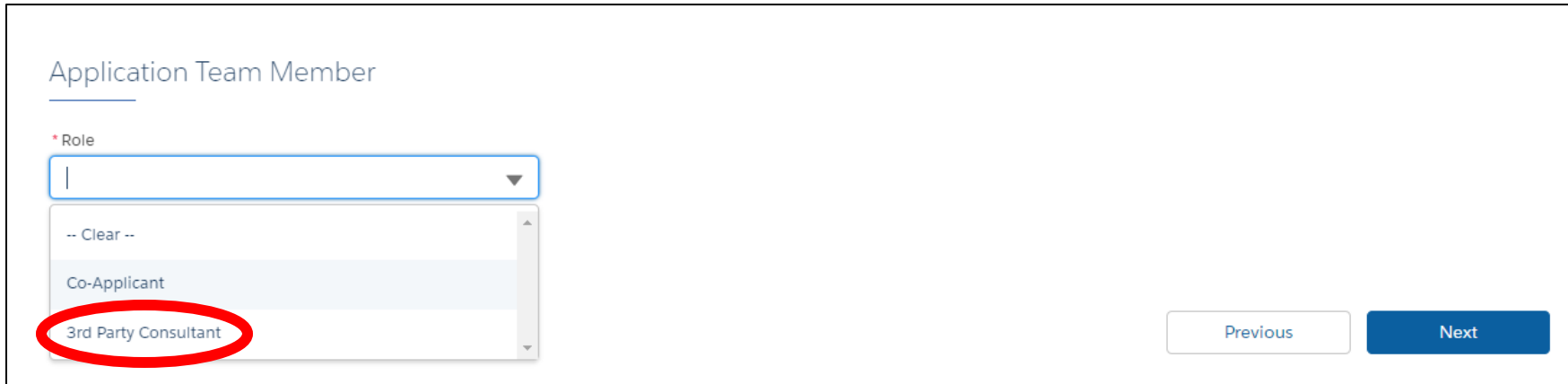
* Role

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Co-Applicant

3rd Party Consultant

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Step 11b – Add Application Team – Outside Lead Org

Enter your outside team member's Tax ID (also known as EIN – Employer Identification Number).

Application Team Member Lookup

*Tax ID

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Note: If you are having trouble finding your team member, please email us at GrantHDSupport@eda.gov

Step 12 – Add your “Authorized Representative”

Only one user can be the “Authorized Representative”.

Only the Authorized Representative can submit the application once complete.

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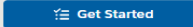
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Application Team (circled in red)

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The Authorized Representative should be from the Lead Organization.



Application Team Member

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Yes

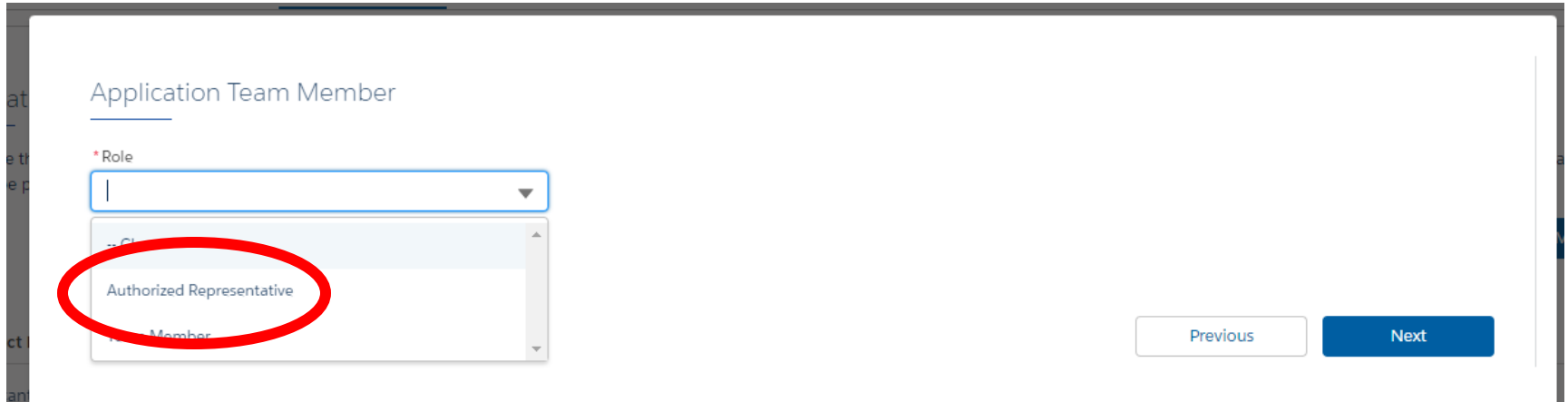
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Step 12 – Add your “Authorized Representative”

If you are adding yourself as Authorized Representative, you will need to complete this step for yourself (even if you already created an account and started the application). Please enter the same email you use for your EDGE account.

Team Member Email

Please enter the team member email.

* Email

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Step 12 – Add your “Authorized Representative”

Once complete please check to see an “Authorized Representative” on your Application Team Members tab.

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Step 13 – Start your application!

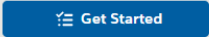
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Acknowledgment

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