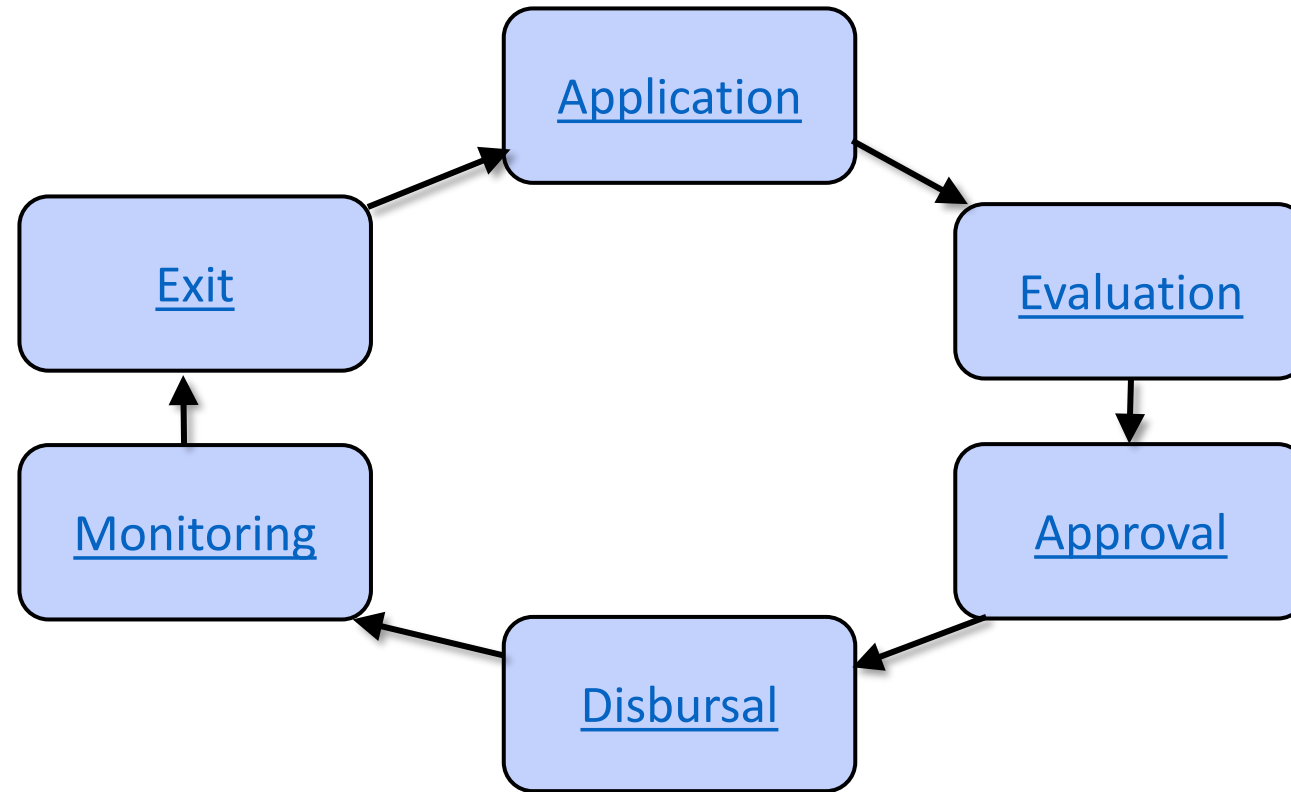


# Applicants User Guide for Smart Simple



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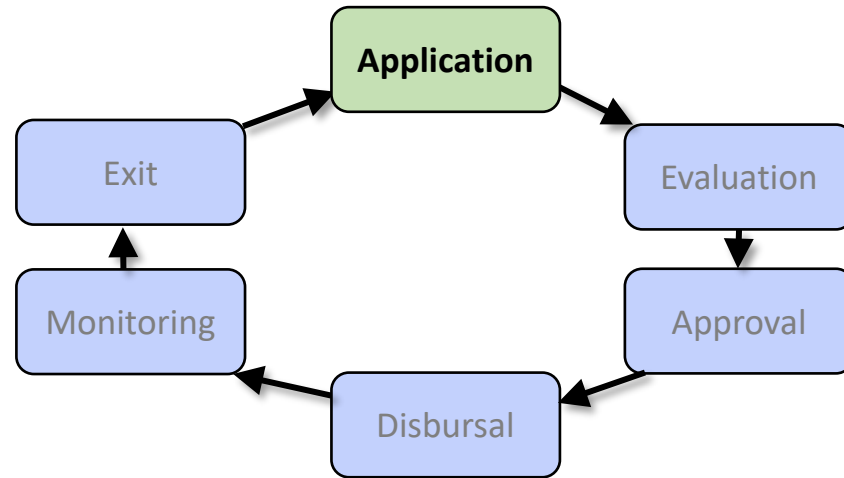


Important information.



Current stage of application process.

# Chapter 1 - Application



## Tasks

- [Review WDC website and speak to a member of our team.](#)
- [Register an account on our Smart Simple platform.](#)
- [Create an Enquiry.](#)
- [Submit an Application.](#)

# Section 1

Getting started

**Purpose:** create an account on Smart Simple

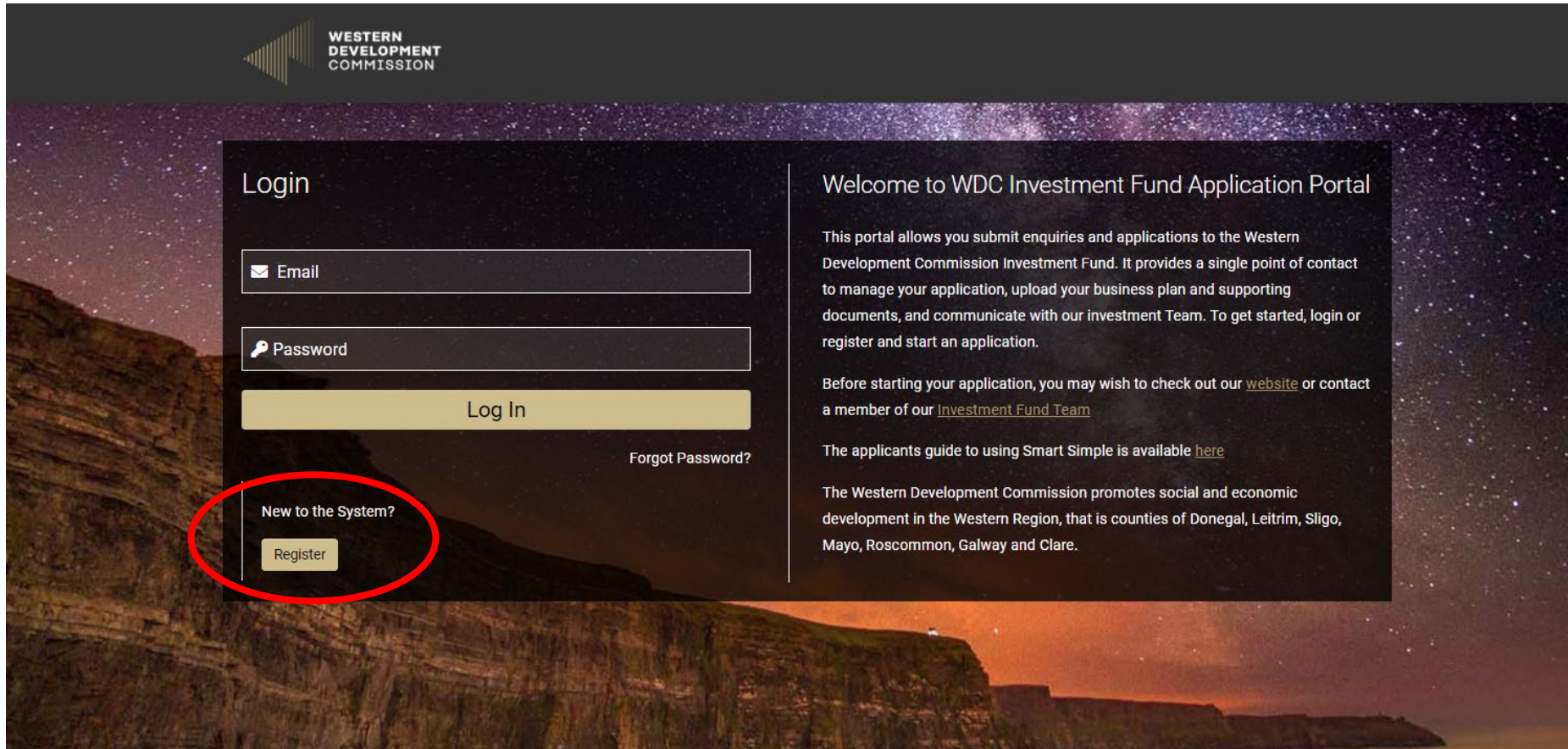
**Tip:** Do you need to speak to a member of our team?

Review WDC website and speak to a member of our team.

<https://westerndevelopment.ie/investment-funds/>

## How to Register an account on Smart Simple

- Click register on the Western Development Commission Smart Simple System.  
<https://western.smartsimple.ie>



The screenshot shows the Western Development Commission (WDC) Investment Fund Application Portal. The page has a dark background with a starry night sky and a rocky cliff. The WDC logo is in the top left corner. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, there is a 'Login' section with input fields for 'Email' and 'Password', a 'Log In' button, and a 'Forgot Password?' link. Below the 'Log In' button, there is a 'New to the System?' section with a 'Register' button, which is circled in red. On the right, there is a 'Welcome to WDC Investment Fund Application Portal' section with a welcome message, instructions on how to use the portal, and links to the 'website' and 'Investment Fund Team'. At the bottom, there is a paragraph about the WDC's mission.

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### Login

Email

Password

Log In

[Forgot Password?](#)

New to the System?

Register

### Welcome to WDC Investment Fund Application Portal

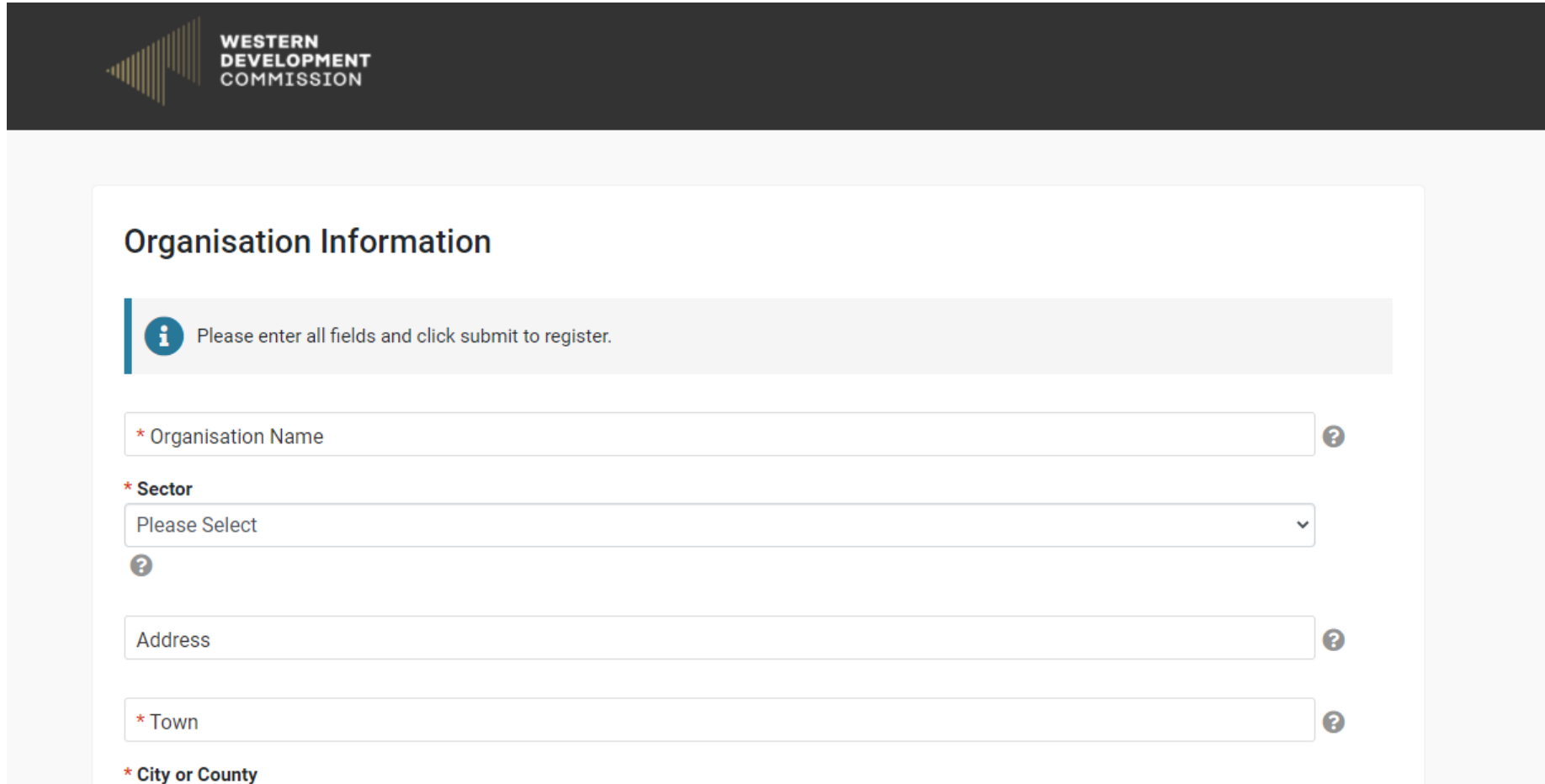
This portal allows you submit enquiries and applications to the Western Development Commission Investment Fund. It provides a single point of contact to manage your application, upload your business plan and supporting documents, and communicate with our investment Team. To get started, login or register and start an application.

Before starting your application, you may wish to check out our [website](#) or contact a member of our [Investment Fund Team](#).

The applicants guide to using Smart Simple is available [here](#).

The Western Development Commission promotes social and economic development in the Western Region, that is counties of Donegal, Leitrim, Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon, Galway and Clare.

- You are required to enter information about your organisation and the details of a contact person.



The screenshot shows a registration form for the Western Development Commission. At the top is a dark header with the WDC logo and name. Below this is a light grey box containing an information icon and the instruction: "Please enter all fields and click submit to register." The form itself has a white background and contains several input fields, each with a red asterisk indicating it is required. The fields are: "Organisation Name", "Sector" (a dropdown menu), "Address", "Town", and "City or County". Each field has a small question mark icon to its right for help.

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### Organisation Information

**i** Please enter all fields and click submit to register.

\* Organisation Name ?

\* Sector  
Please Select ?

Address ?

\* Town ?

\* City or County

- Once you submit your information, you will receive an email to set your password and login to your Smart Simple account.

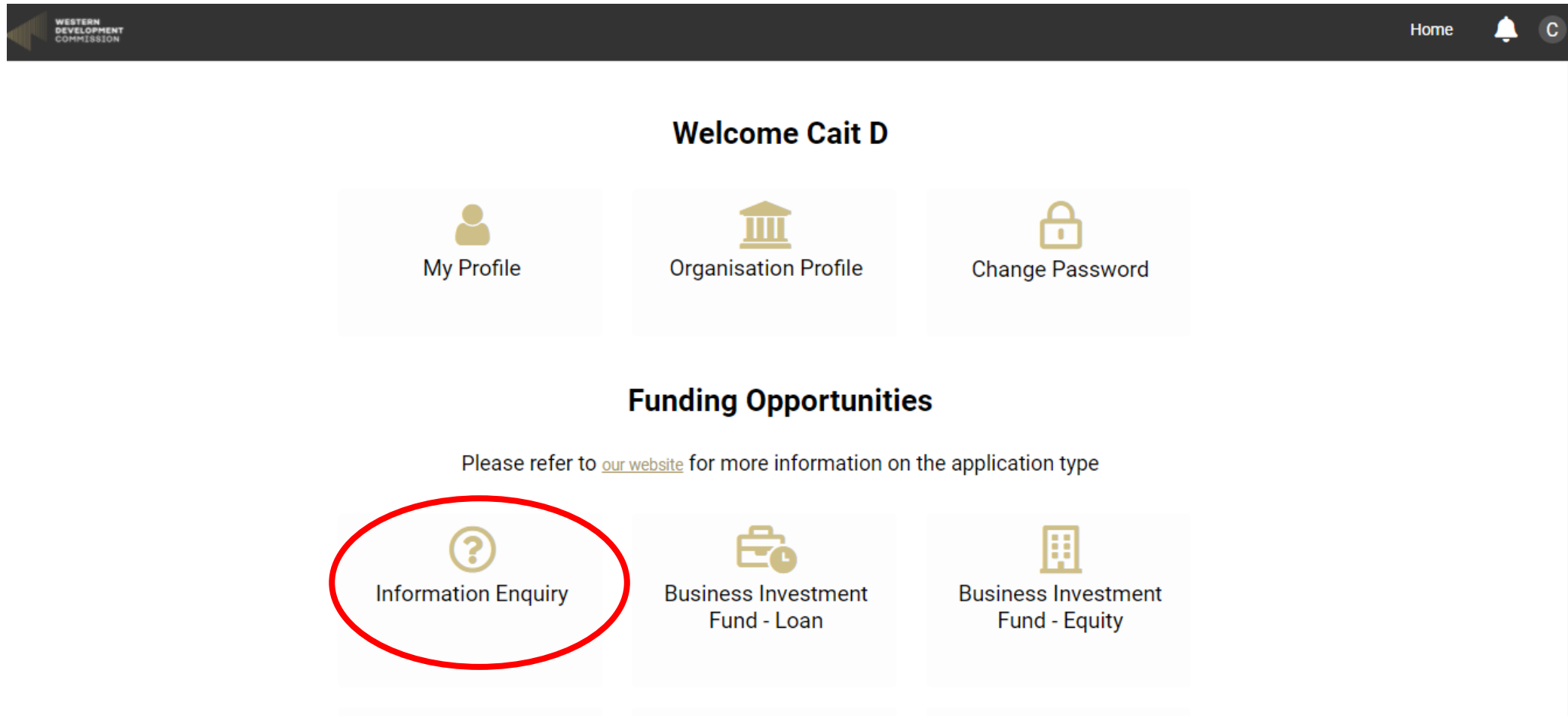
## Section 2

- Create an Enquiry
- **Purpose:** To investigate whether your project is a good fit with the WIF and to understand what you need before creating an application.
- **Tip:**
  - You must Save Draft to populate your information and begin the Enquiry.
  - You can also Save Draft at any stage and log back in to complete the Application at a later time.



## How to create an Enquiry

- Login into your account on Smart Simple and click Information Enquiry on the Home screen.





You must Save Draft to populate your information and begin the Enquiry.



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## New Investment



Please click on the Save Draft button before beginning the application.

### CONTACT/ORGANISATION INFORMATION

### ENQUIRY DETAILS

#### Organisation Information

Company Legal Name:



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Additional Organisation Information

Promoter Contact Details

#### ▼ Additional Organisation Information

#### ▼ Promoter Contact Details


\* First Promoter Contact Name



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Save Draft


✓ Submit




- Enter all the information required on the Contact/Organisation Information Tab.

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If the information displayed is not current, please update your organization and user profiles prior to completing and submitting this form.

- If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.

 Application Summary


**CONTACT/ORGANISATION INFORMATION** ENQUIRY DETAILS

**Organisation Information**


Company Legal Name: Test Company CD  
896 Lower Rd  
Leitrim Village  
Leitrim  
N41 HY44


**Primary Contact**

Cait D  
896 Lower Rd  
Leitrim Village  
Phone Number: 123-456-7891  
Email: CaitD@mail.com

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- Select the Enquiry Details tab and enter all the information required. Once completed Submit.

The screenshot shows the Western Development Commission application interface. The top header includes the logo and navigation links for Home, a notification bell, and a user profile icon. A left sidebar contains 'Main' and 'Notes' sections. The main content area is titled '2021-1233' and includes a warning message about updating organization and user profiles. Below this is an 'Application Summary' button. The form has two tabs: 'CONTACT/ORGANISATION INFORMATION' and 'ENQUIRY DETAILS', with the latter being selected and circled in red. The 'ENQUIRY DETAILS' section contains two required fields: 'Project Name' and 'Description of Project', each with a text input area and a word count indicator. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Save Draft' and 'Submit', with the 'Submit' button being circled in red.

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- If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.

Application Summary

CONTACT/ORGANISATION INFORMATION

**ENQUIRY DETAILS**

\* Project Name

Please give the name of the project you are seeking funding for.

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\* Description of Project

Please give a brief description of the project you are seeking funding for.

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✓ Submit

- You can Save Draft at any stage and log back in to complete the Information Enquiry at a later time.

## What happens next?

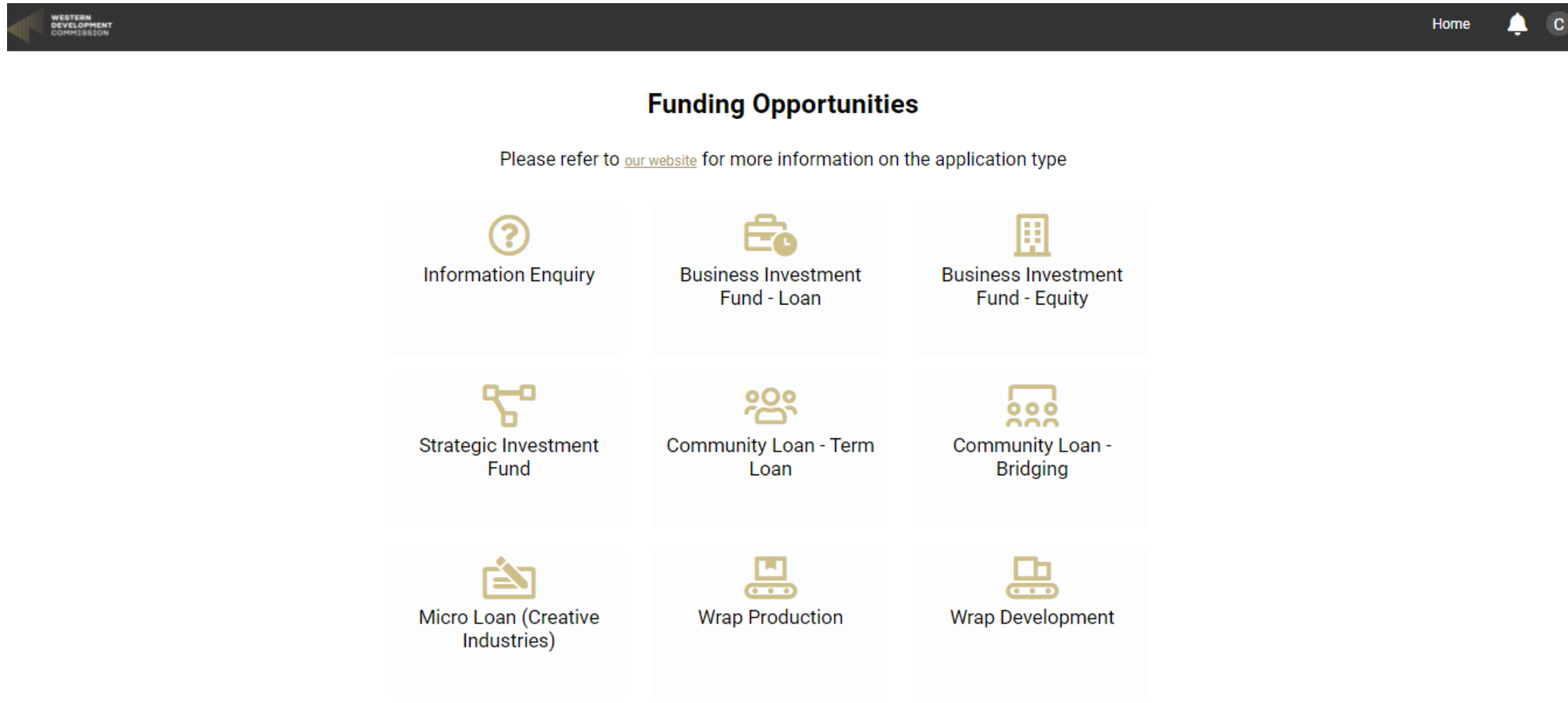
- Once you have submitted an enquiry, a member of the team will be in contact with you to discuss it.

## Section 3

- Create an Application.
- **Purpose:** To apply for funding from the WIF.
- **Tips:**
  - Identify the appropriate investment fund.
  - You must Save Draft;
    - To populate your organisation information and begin the Application.
    - When entering project financials to calculate the total funding requirement.
    - If you want to complete your Application at a later time.
  - There are 3 tabs to be completed in the application.
  - You will need information about your organisation.
  - You will to upload a business plan (guidelines available).
  - Ensure you can see your file is uploaded before closing the Upload window.




## How to Submit an Application

- Speak to a member of our team.
- Login to your account on Smart Simple.
- Click on the Funding Application you require under Funding Opportunities on the Home screen.






You must Save Draft to populate your information and begin the Application.

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## New Investment

 Please click on the Save Draft button before beginning the application.


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Organisation Information

Company Legal Name:

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Additional Organisation Information

\* Legal Entity Status

Please select the option that best describes your organisation.

Please Select

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

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- Follow the instructions on the top of the screen. Select Contact/Organisation Information tab and complete. There are 3 tabs to complete in the application.


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- Please complete all three tabs and answer all of the mandatory questions below.
- Some of information is copied directly from your organization and user profiles and will appear in a read-only state within this form. If the information displayed is not current, please update your organization and user profiles prior to completing and submitting this form.
- If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.


 Application Summary

**CONTACT/ORGANISATION INFORMATION** PROJECT INFORMATION ATTACHMENTS

**Organisation Information**

Company Legal Name: Test Company CD  
896 Lower Rd  
Leitrim Village  
Leitrim  
N41 HY44

**Primary Contact**  
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- Promoter Contact Details

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- Select Project Information tab and complete.

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- Please complete all three tabs and answer all of the mandatory questions below.
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- If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.

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\* Project Name

Please give the name of the project you are seeking funding for.

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Click Save Draft to calculate the total funding requirement.

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\* WDC Investment Fund

Please enter the amount sought from the WDC. Please note that the WDC follows the MEIP and follows all state aid rules.

€110,000.00

\* Other Public Sector Funding

Please enter the total funding provided by other Public Sector agencies.

€0.00

Total Funding Requirement

Please save to update the total funding from all sources required to complete this project.

€0.00

\* Type of Funding

🔍 Looking for debt or equity investment?

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- Download the Privacy policy and Terms and Conditions to review and agree.

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**\* Privacy Policy**

Download our [privacy policy](#).

☒ I agree to the privacy policy

**\* Terms and Conditions**

Download our [terms and conditions](#).

Any costs incurred in making an application to the WDC Investment Fund and complying with the WDC's due diligence process will be at the applicant's own expense, and the WDC will not be liable for any such costs incurred.

The WDC reserves the right to discuss this application with its professional advisors and other parties without prejudice.

By accepting these terms and conditions, you are confirming that you consent to the use of e-signatures in the drafting and approval of agreements where permissible by law.

☒ I agree to the terms and conditions

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- Select Attachments tab and upload your Business Plan. You can view the Guidelines for information and discuss the contents of your business plan with a member of our team.

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Please complete all three tabs and answer all of the mandatory questions below.

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If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.

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\* Upload Business Plan

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

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- Click on Upload to add your Business Plan.


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- Please complete all three tabs and answer all of the mandatory questions below.
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- If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.


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**\* Upload Business Plan**

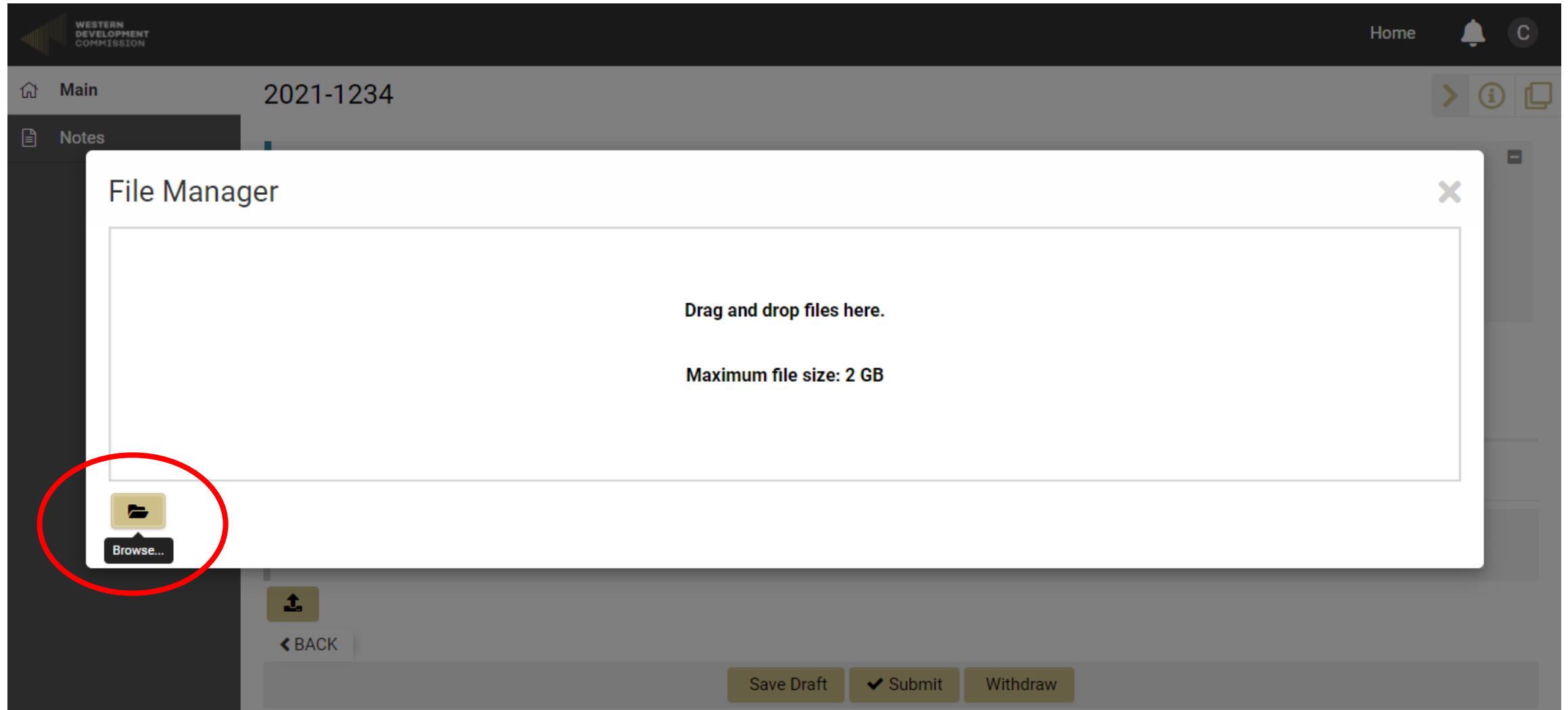
Please see our [Guidelines for Equities](#).



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- Click on Browse to find your Business Plan and Upload.





Ensure you can see your Business plan is uploaded before you close this window using the X on the File Upload window.

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Drag and drop files here.

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- Submit application when all information is entered and Business Plan is uploaded.

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\* Upload Business Plan

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[Guidelines for Equities.](#)

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- If there is any information missing or incorrect, the system will show you an error at the top of the screen. Click on the error and it will take you directly to where the error is.

The screenshot displays the Western Development Commission application interface. A red oval highlights a red error message box at the top of the form content area. The error message states: "Submission failed due to the following:" followed by two bullet points: "Position cannot be empty." and "Please attach at least 1 file to Upload Business Plan". Below the error message is an information box with a blue 'i' icon and three bullet points providing instructions. The form has a left sidebar with "Main" and "Notes" tabs. The top navigation bar includes the Western Development Commission logo, a "Home" link, a bell icon, and a user profile icon labeled "C". The form content area has a header with a home icon, the text "Main", and the application ID "2021-1227". Below the error message is an "Application Summary" button. The form is divided into three tabs: "CONTACT/ORGANISATION INFORMATION", "PROJECT INFORMATION" (which is the active tab), and "ATTACHMENTS". At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: "< BACK", "ime", "JUMP TO", and "NEXT >". At the very bottom, there are three buttons: "Save Draft", "✓ Submit", and "Withdraw".

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Submission failed due to the following:

- Position cannot be empty.
- Please attach at least 1 file to Upload Business Plan

Please complete all three tabs and answer all of the mandatory questions below.

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- If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the **Notes** tab located within the left side menu.


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- Once your application is submitted, it will move into the Applications section of your Home screen in Submitted.

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## Applications

You will find all of your applications below.

<div>0</div> <div>In Progress</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Submitted</div>	<div>0</div> <div>Agreement Requires Action</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Approved/Declined</div>
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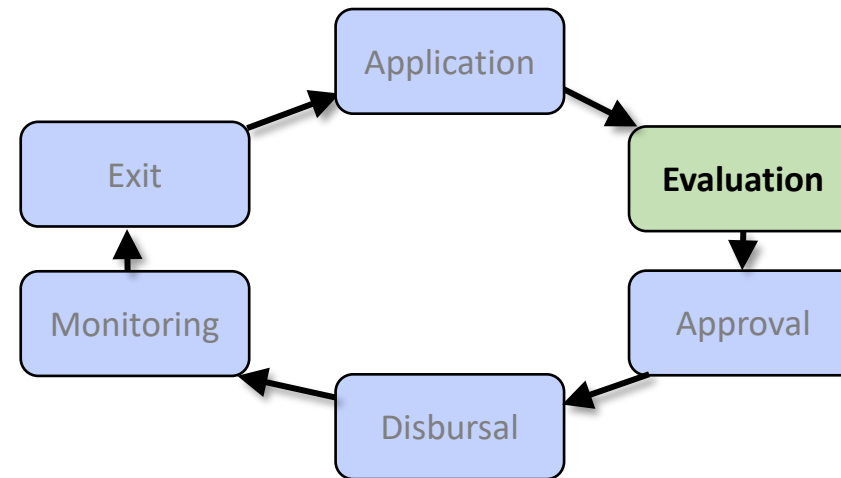
## Requires Attention

You will find agreements/required documentation and progress reports below.

# What happens next?

- Once you have submitted your application, you will receive a pdf copy of your full Application by Email.
- Your application will then be assigned to a member of our team who will evaluate your application.
- Following an initial assessment you may be asked to provide additional information.
- We will then conduct a detailed evaluation of your application.
- You may be asked for further information and documents at this stage.

# Chapter 2 - Evaluation




## Tasks



- [Respond to queries and submit revisions requested.](#)

# Section 1

- Provide additional information and documentation.
- **Purpose:** To help the WIF assess your application.
- **Tips:**
  - Read your emails.
  - Locate the application.
  - Read the information at the top of the screen specifying what information is being requested on your application.

- You will receive an email if revisions are requested on your application. When you log in to your Smart Simple account the Application with revisions requested will be located under the Applications section of your Home screen In Progress.

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## Applications


You will find all of your applications below.



<div>7</div> <div>In Progress</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Submitted</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Agreement Requires Action</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Approved/Declined</div>
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## Requires Attention





You will find agreements/required documentation and progress reports below.

- Open the application with Revisions Requested.

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#	Application ID	Application Type	Project Name	Amount Requested	Status
1	2021-1234	BIF - Equity	Testing Application	€40,000.00	Revisions Requested
				€40,000.00	








Read the information at the top of the screen specifying what information is being requested on your application. Update the application and Submit Revisions.




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 Staff has requested the following revisions to your application:  
"This is a test for the manual to show how to request revisions on an application."  
Please revise and re-submit. If you wish to communicate with staff regarding your application, use the Notes tab located within the left side menu.

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Organisation Information


Company Legal Name: Test Company CD  
896 Lower Rd  
Leitrim Village  
Leitrim  
N41 HY44

Primary Contact

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Additional Organisation Information

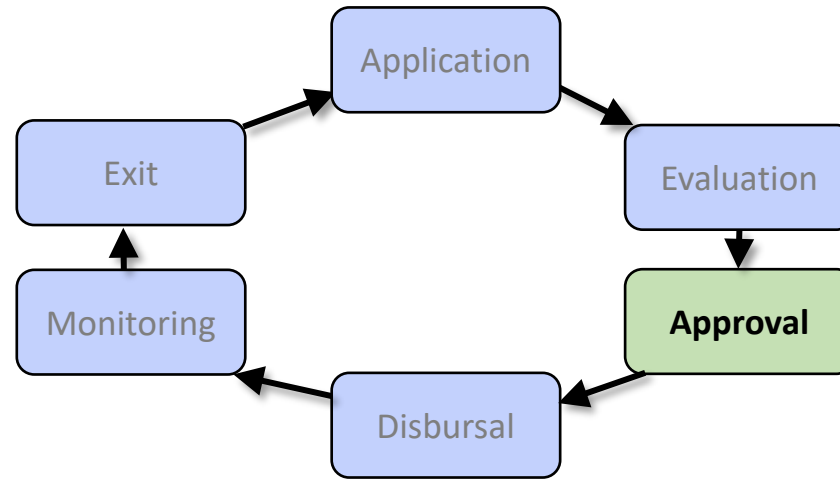
Promoter Contact Details

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# What happens next?

- Once you have provided all additional information and documentation requested, a member of our team will complete the detailed evaluation.
- The application will then be reviewed by our Investment Manager.
- If your proposal is suitable we will bring it to our fund advisory panel.
- They will either recommend the application to our board for investment or reject it.
- The board will consider the application.
- If the board approves your application we will prepare Agreement documentation (subject to Due Diligence)
- You will be required to submit additional supporting documentation.

# Chapter 3 - Approval



## Tasks

- [Sign Agreement Documents](#)
- [Extra Documentation Required](#)

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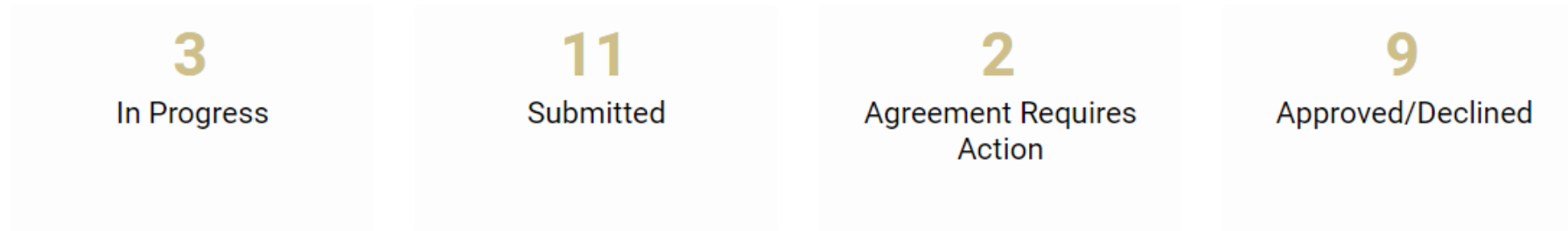
- Sign Agreement documents.
- **Purpose:** To sign loan letter of offer or indicative term sheet.
- **Tips:**
  - Check your emails.
  - Download and print all the documents that you are required to sign.
  - Upload all the documents.
  - Ensure you can see your file is uploaded before closing the Upload window.

## Agreement Documentation - Applicant

- [Locate the Agreement Documentation.](#)
- [Open the application.](#)
- [Download the Agreement and sign.](#)
- [Upload Signed Agreement.](#)
- [Download, Complete and Upload required documents.](#)
- [Confirm documentation and Submit.](#)

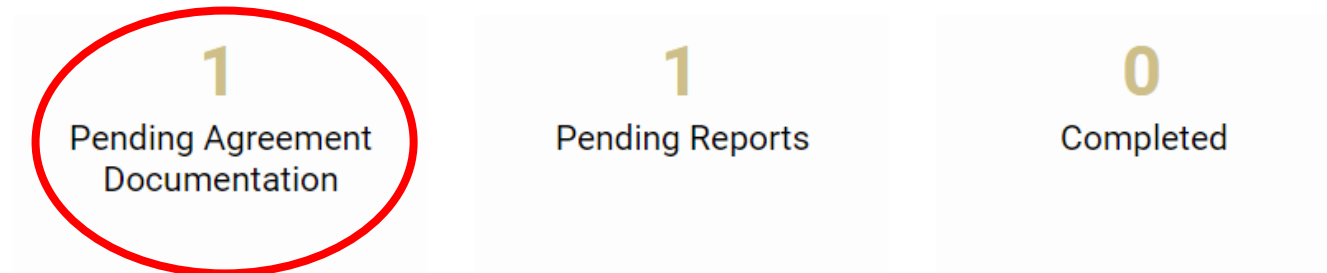
- Locate the Agreement Documentation on the Home page.

You will find all of your applications below.







## Requires Attention


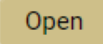
You will find agreements/required documentation and progress reports below.








- Open the application.

## Pending Agreement Documentation

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<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Application ID	Activity Type	Due Date	Status	
<input type="checkbox"/>		1 2021-1234	Agreement/Required Documentation		Sent to Applicant	

- Follow the instruction at the top of the screen.

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- Download the "Executable Agreement".
- Sign and re-upload to the "Upload Signed Agreement" field.
- As well as uploading a scan of the signed copy of this agreement, please send the original signed copy by post to the WDC.
- Upload any other required documentation to the appropriate fields (these will be listed below the the "Upload Signed Agreement" field if required).
- Finally, checkoff the confirmation and click "Submit".

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\* Executable Agreement

The executable agreement signed by WDC.



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Please print the document and send the original signed document by post to the WDC.

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- Download the "Executable Agreement".
- Sign and re-upload to the "Upload Signed Agreement" field.
- As well as uploading a scan of the signed copy of this agreement, please send the original signed copy by post to the WDC.
- Upload any other required documentation to the appropriate fields (these will be listed below the the "Upload Signed Agreement" field if required).
- Finally, checkoff the confirmation and click "Submit".

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\* Executable Agreement



The executable agreement signed by WDC.



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- Upload Signed Agreement.


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\* Upload Signed Agreement



\* Upload Grant Payment Letter



\* Confirm Documentation

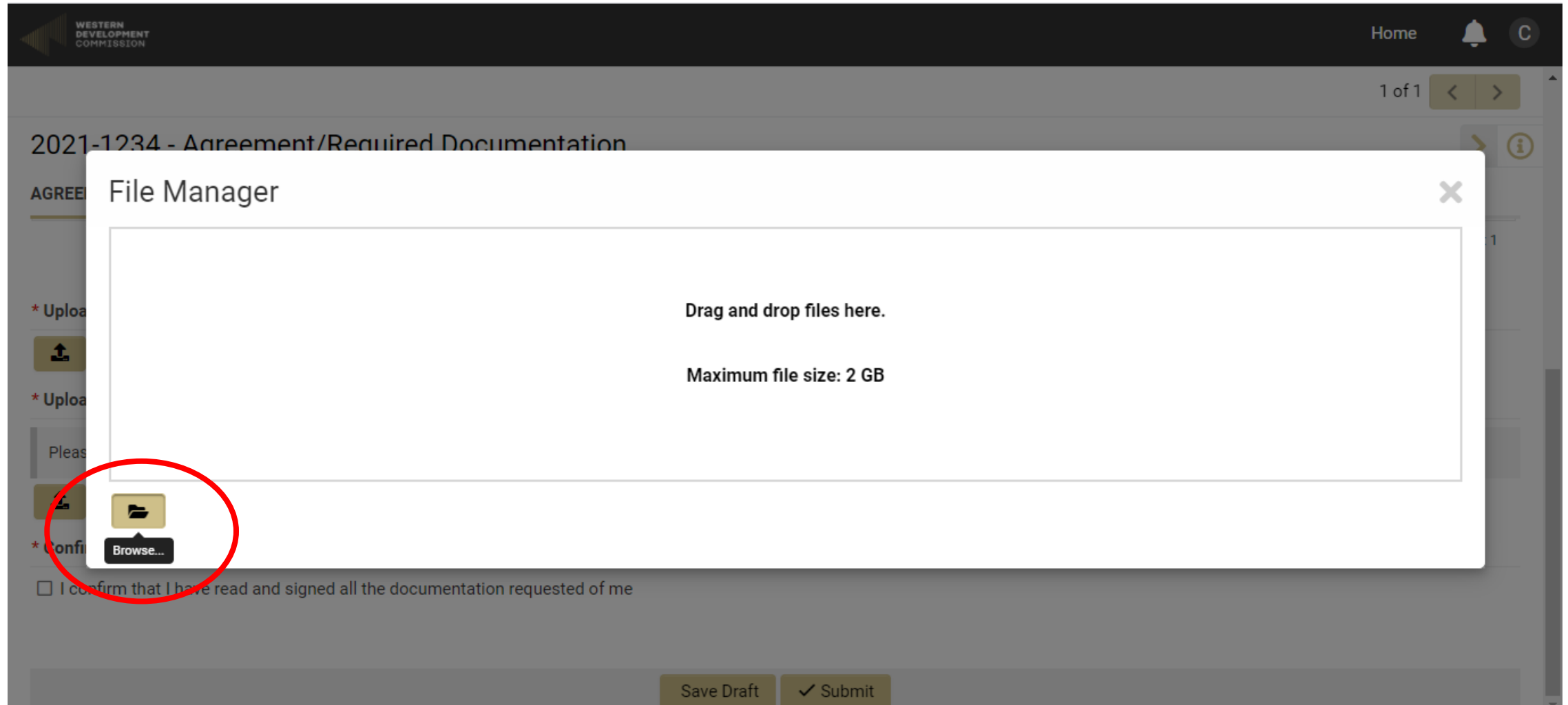
Please download, complete and upload the [Grant Payment Letter](#).

☐ I confirm that I have read and signed all the documentation requested of me

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- Browse to find the correct file.





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Maximum file size: 2 GB

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- Download, Complete and Upload any required documents.

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**\* Upload Grant Payment Letter**

Please download, complete and upload the [Grant Payment Letter](#).



**\* Confirm Documentation**



☐ I confirm that I have read and signed all the documentation requested of me



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✓ Submit

- Confirm documentation and Submit.

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AGREEMENT


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
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**\* Confirm Documentation**

☐ I confirm that I have read and signed all the documentation requested of me

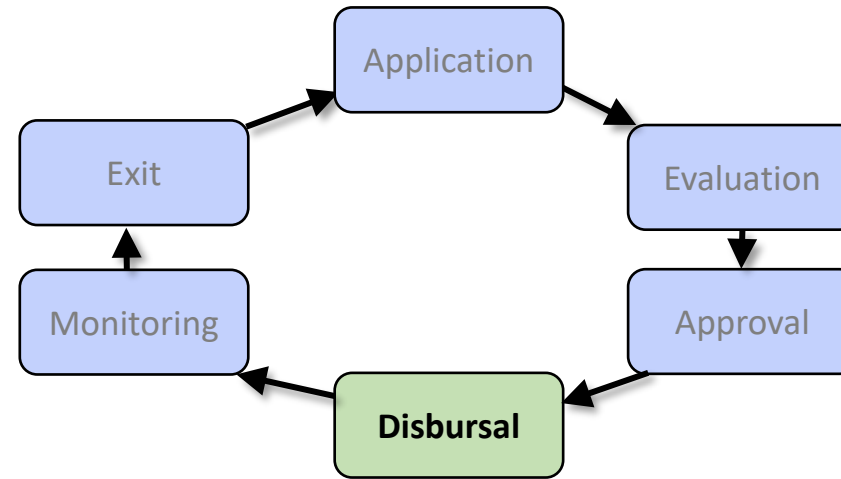
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## What happens next?

- Once you have signed and uploaded all the agreement documentation, we will review it and continue with the application process.
- We will complete our checks and may require further documentation from you.

# Chapter 4 - Disbursal



## Tasks

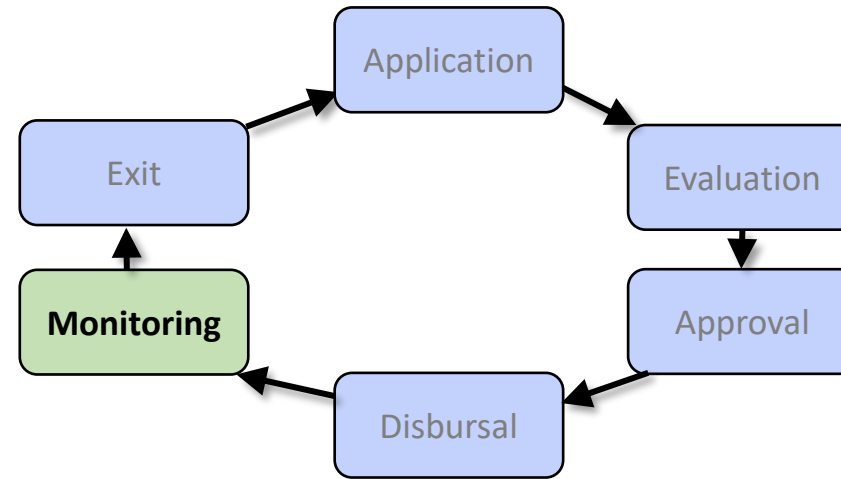
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## Section 1

- Once all checks have been completed, the agreements have been signed and all the appropriate documentation had been provided to the WIF, the funds will be transferred to the appropriate bank account.

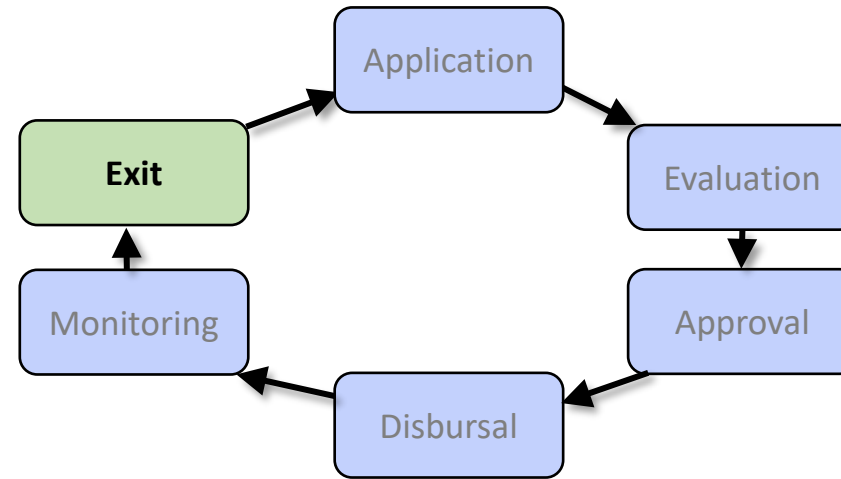
# Chapter 5 - Monitoring



## Tasks

- You will be obliged to provide information to the WIF on the progress of your investment on an ongoing basis. This information may be requested by email or through Smart Simple.

# Chapter 6 - Exit



## Tasks

- Exit
- Once the investment has been repaid the executive will close the investment on the system. However, the WIF may continue to monitor the performance of your organisation and may request data from time to time.