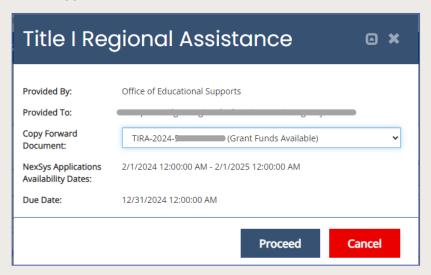
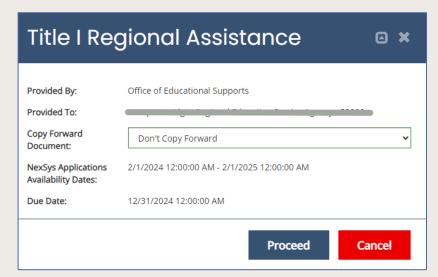
# Michigan Department of Education Office of Educational Supports Submitting the Application in NexSys

# Initiating the Application

We begin guidance for submitting the Title I Regional Assistance Grant (RAG) at the Document Overview page of the NexSys application. But before we come to the Document Overview page, if we had an application last year, the system asks if we want to "Copy Forward Document." Selecting the previous year's RAG application under Copy Forward Document will auto-fill data from the previous application into the new application. Select Proceed to continue.



Selecting Don't Copy Forward will set up a blank application without any data or information from the previous application. Select Proceed to Continue.

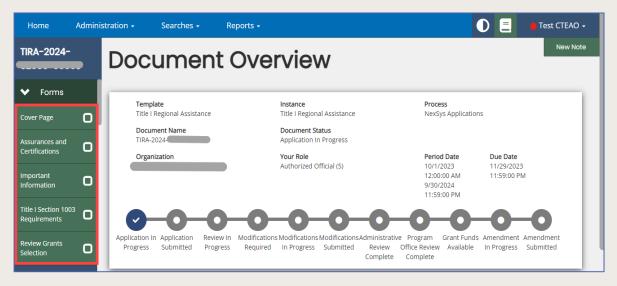




#### **Document Overview**

The Document Overview page of the NexSys application is where we begin when submitting the RAG application. The Document Status is now 'Application in Progress.' Please review the <u>NexSys website</u> for guidance and resources on how to navigate the NexSys platform.

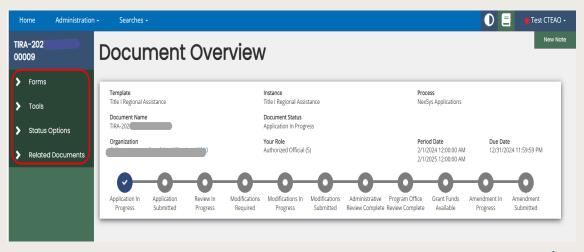
The Document Overview screen can be found by clicking the TIRA-2024 link in the top left hand of the screen. After reviewing the data in the Document Overview page for accuracy, look at the green toolbar on the left side of the screen and note that the boxes are not checked.



#### The Green Side Menu

The green side menu is the navigation tool for the application. The accordion format allows us to see the four basic sections of the application: Forms, Tools, Status Options, and Related Documents.

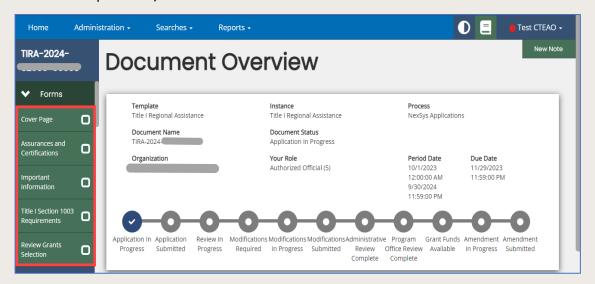
The **Forms** tab includes the cover page, consortium information, budget pages, and attachments. The **Tools** section provides quick links to the landing page, status history, notes, and modification summaries. The Tools section also provides a section where the ISD/ESA can add/edit people and permissions for the RAG application. The **Status Option** section is where you can change the status of the application. The status options available depend on where you are in the application process.





#### **Forms**

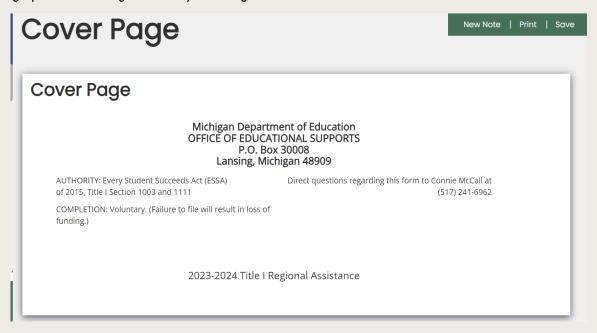
The Forms section includes the Cover Page, Assurances and Certifications, Important Information, Title I Section 1003 Requirements, and Review Grants Selection. We will review each sub-section here.





# Cover Page

Select the Cover Page in the side menu, which opens the cover page for the application. The Cover Page provides the legal authority for the grant.

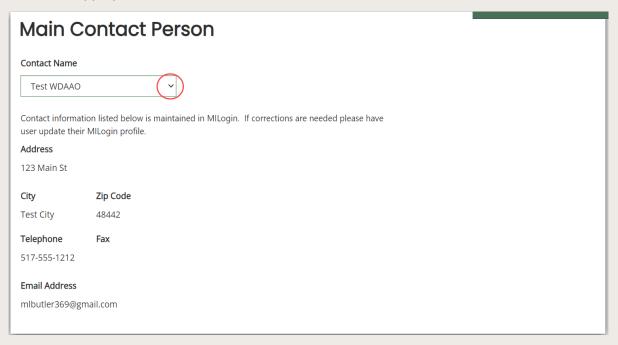


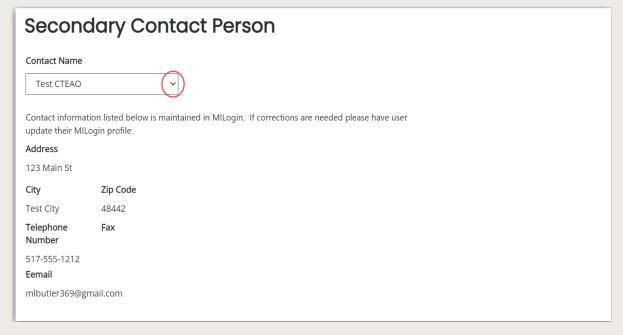
The Entity Page is auto generated with entity information from the Education Entity Master (EEM). If corrections are needed, please update the EEM.

Entity	
Entity information below is maintained in the Education Entity Master (EEM). If corrections are needed please update EEM.	
Entity Name	Agreement Number
Entity Address	
City Zip Code	e Entity County
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The Main and Secondary Contact Person is selected from the contact information already in the NexSys system for your ISD/ESA. Select the contact person in the dropdown and the contact information is auto filled in the appropriate fields.





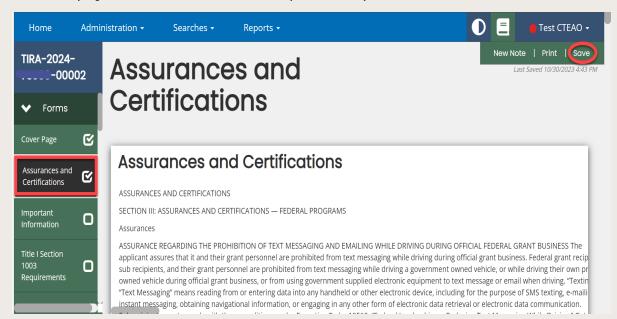


Once the contact information has been updated in the application, select Save in the top right corner of the Cover Page.



## Assurances and Certifications

Assurances and Certifications assure that the applicant, sub-recipients, and their grant personnel follow all Federal laws and guidance. Once you have reviewed the Assurances and Certifications, select Save to save the page. Note: The task boxes are completed once you finish the tasks in the side menu.





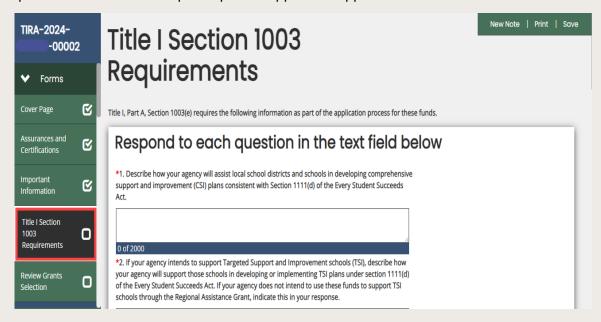
#### Important Information

Important Information is provided by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Education Supports. Once you review the Important Information, select Save, and the check box will appear.



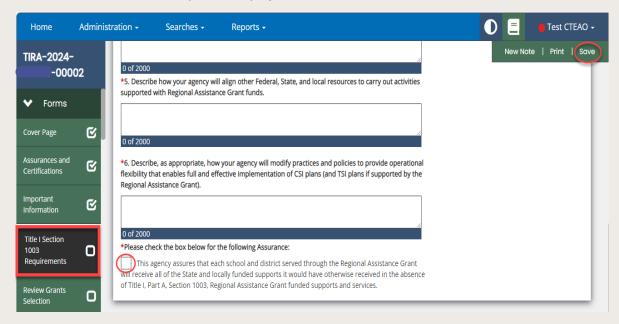
### Title I Section 1003 Requirements

Title I, Part A, Section 1003(e) requirements are a part of the application process. There are six requirements that must be completed prior to application approval.



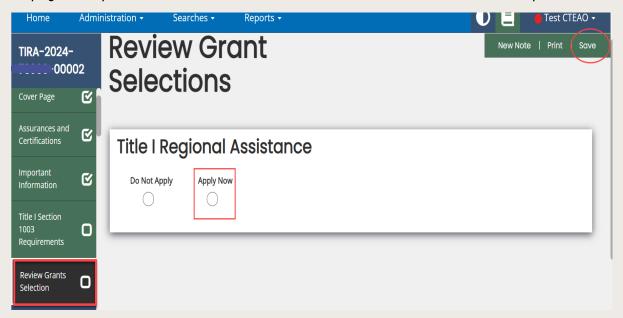


Complete the required sections and check the box at the bottom of the page. Each field has a limit of 2000 characters. Save the Requirements page.



### **Review Grants Selection**

Select **Review Grants Selection** in the green side menu and then select **Apply Now**. Make sure to **Save** the page when you're done. Note that the task boxes are checked once the tasks are completed.



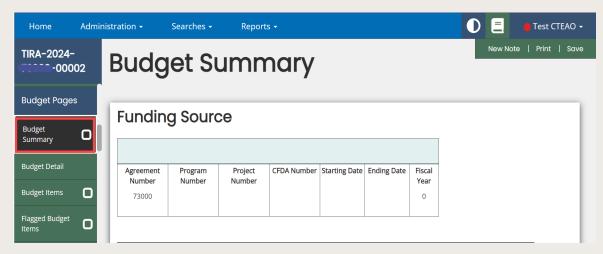


# **Budget Pages**

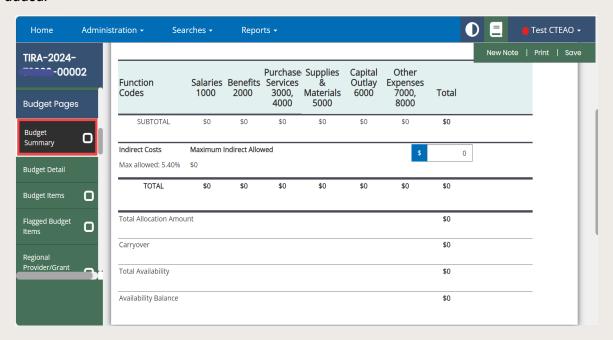
The Budget Pages section is where the grant budget applications are stored. This section includes the budget summary, detail, budget line items, flagged budget items for the ISD, grant member (school district) summary, and grant member flagged budget items.

## **Budget Summary**

There are three sections to the Budget Summary page. At the top of the page, you find the Funding Source section with no information.

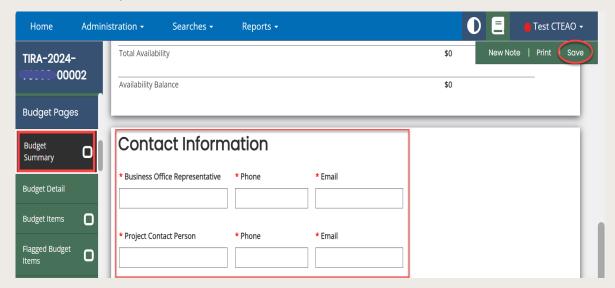


The budget summary is the next section of the page, which has no information until budget items are added.



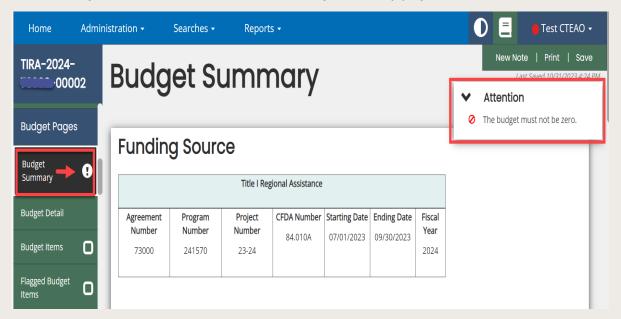


The Contact Information is the last section at the bottom of the page. Complete the Business Office and Project Contact names, phone numbers, and email addresses, and then select Save. The contact information is a required field.



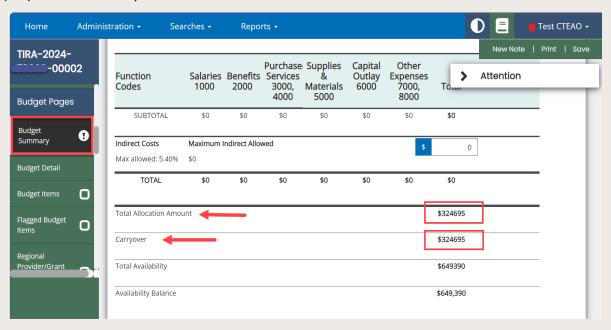
Once you save the Budget Summary page, the Funding Source section will be automatically filled with grant information.

We have received an error, or Attention screen notification, which is indicated by the exclamation mark in the green side menu. The message says, "The budget must not be zero." The budget is at zero right now until budget line items are entered. Save the Budget Summary page.

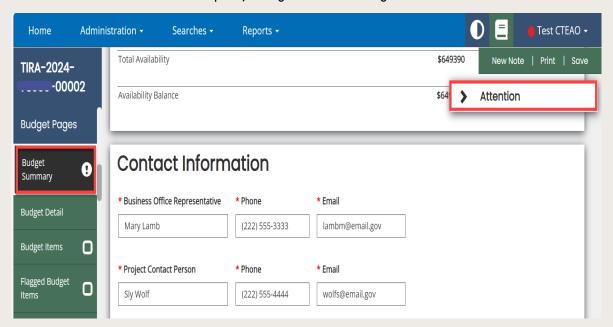




Once the Budget Summary page is saved, the grant year allocation and carryover are available. Note that the carryover dollar amount will adjust once the previous grant year's Final Expenditure Report (FER) is submitted and processed.



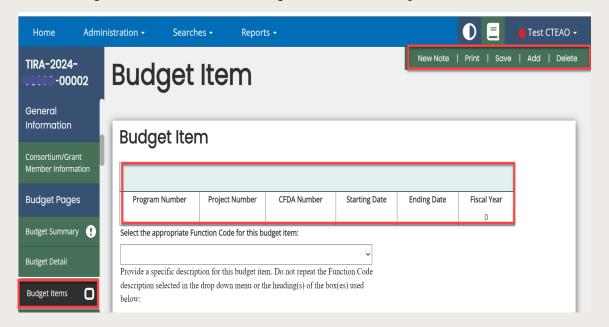
The Contact Information entered has been saved. The Budget Summary page still has an error/exclamation mark to bring our attention to the error message that the budget must not be zero. The next step will be to add an ISD-level budget line item, which will fix the error message. Note that the Attention notification bar is collapsed, hiding the error message.



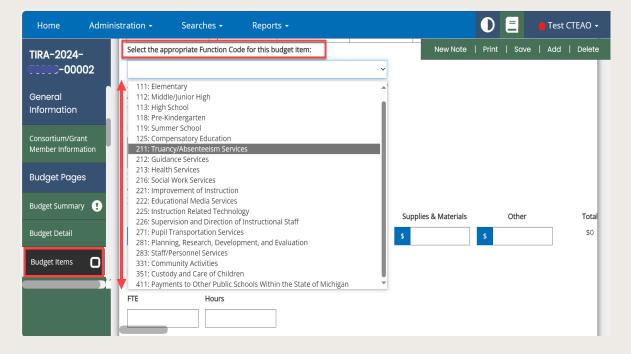


## **Budget Items**

Submit the first budget line item on the Budget Item page. This is where you can print, save, add, and delete budget items for the ISD-level budget. Note that the Budget Item information is blank.

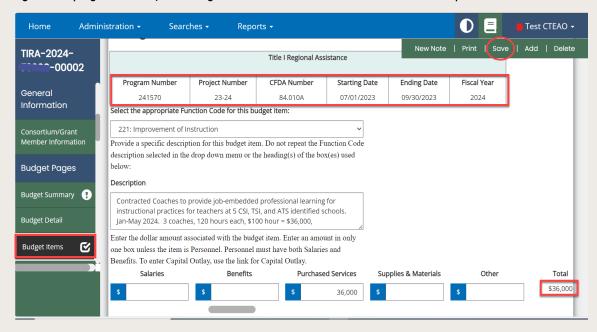


Select the appropriate Function Code for this budget item from the drop-down menu. The application provides all the Function Codes available for the RAG. This is an ISD-level budget item, so function code 411 – Payments to Other Michigan Schools is not used in this budget.

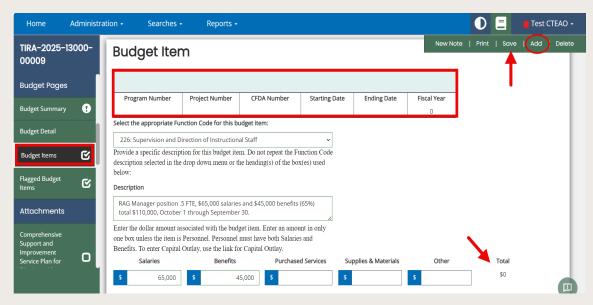




The first budget line item entered for the ISD budget is a contracted coach to provide RAG services to identified schools. The appropriate function code is selected, the detailed line-item description is entered, and the total dollar amount is added under the object code for Purchased Services. Once the Budget Item page is saved, the Budget Item information auto-fills across the top.



To add another ISD-level budget item, select Add in the top right corner of the screen. You receive a blank budget item template. This line item entered is for salaries and benefits for a .5 FTE RAG manager under function code 226. The template information is blank, and the total dollar amount is \$0 until the form is saved.





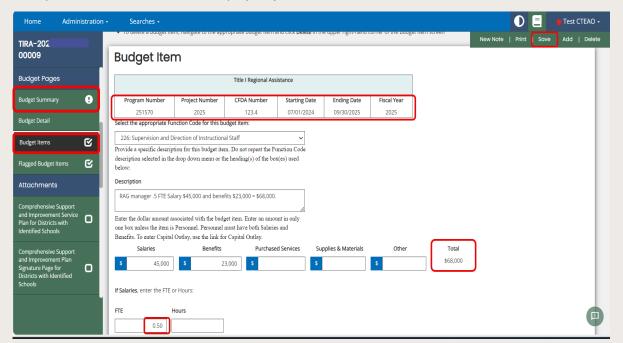
At the bottom of the Budget Item page is where you select the FTE or hours. Complete the FTE if the position is compensated based on the FTE. Complete the Hours section if compensation is based on the number of hours contracted. The Flag and Comment in the pink shaded area is where you will find flagged budget line-item comments from OES when the application is returned for modifications required.



Save the budget line item once the entire form is complete.

Helpful Hint: The exclamation error notification appears in the Budget Summary page when there have been changes made to the application. The application will require the Budget Summary page to be reviewed and saved when changes are made throughout the application process.

Once the budget item template is saved, the budget information and total dollar amount is auto filled. The Budget Summary link in the side menu still has an error message. Open the Budget Summary page, check your information, and save the page again.

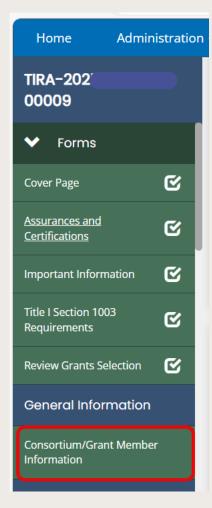




# Consortium/Grant Member Information

If the ISD/ESA will reimburse school districts for RAG approved expenditures, a Consortium/Grant Member (school district) must be selected, and a district-level budget created. Under the General Information section in the green side menu, select the Consortium/Grant Member Information.

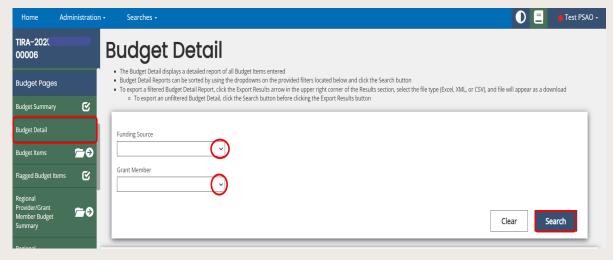
For more information on setting up district-level budgets, see **Setting Up a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Consortium** guidance document in the RAG electronic Toolkit.





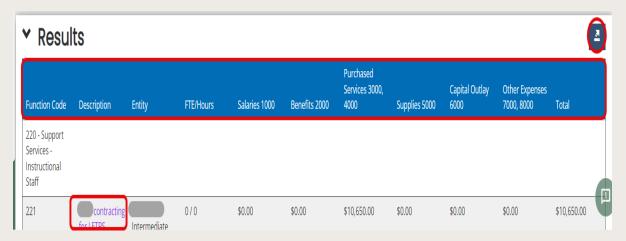
## **Budget Detail**

Once the budget line items have been saved in the Budget Items page for the ISD and school district, they appear in the Budget Detail page. Select the Title I RAG from the Funding Source drop down box. Select the ISD or school district in the Grant Member drop down to view individual budgets. Leave the Grant Member drop down blank to view all budgets at once. Select Search.



Scroll down the Budget Detail page to see the results. The budget details show up. Follow the headers across the top to view the specific information. The budget line items are sorted by function code headers. Each function code header has a sub-total, with a Grand Total for the budget at the very bottom.

The arrow in the top right corner of the screen allows you to "Export Results" in Excel, XML, or CSV format. Entity shows which budget item being viewed, either the ISD or individual school district. The line-item Description is a live link (blue/purple print) that leads to the Budget Item page for that specific budget line item.

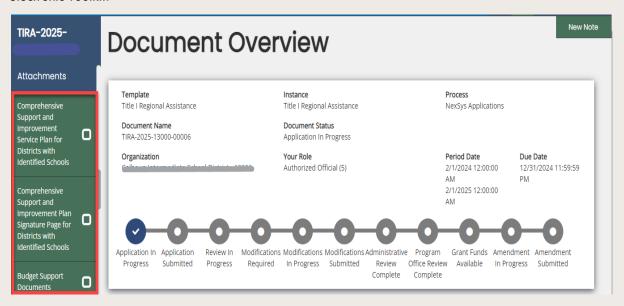




#### **Attachments**

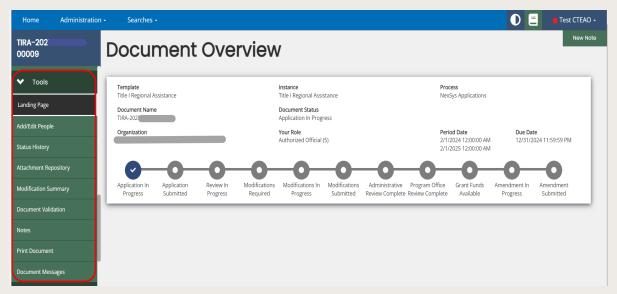
The Attachment section is where the RAG required documentation for the application is uploaded. These are links for the District Service Plan, Signature Page, and Budget Support Documents. Please use clear and concise naming conventions when labeling documents.

For more information, see the **Required Application Documentation** guidance document in the RAG electronic Toolkit.



#### **Tools**

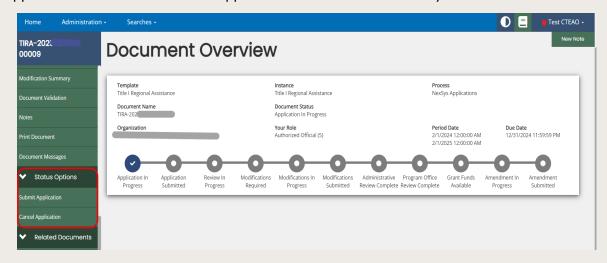
The Tools section provides links to help you navigate the application. The Landing Page takes you to the Document Overview page. You can also add/edit people who can access the application and view the status history and the modification summary. The Notes section for the application is also under Tools.



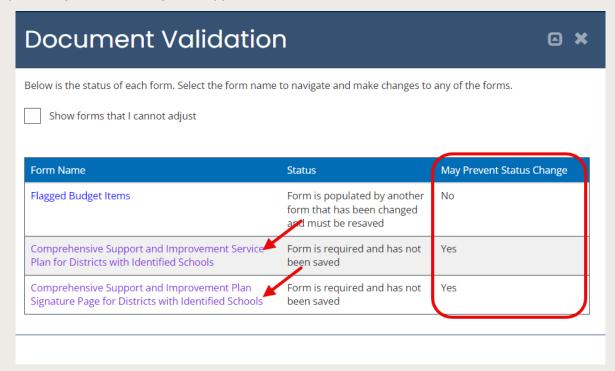


### Status Options

When you are ready to submit the application, go to the Status Options section and select Submit Application. You can also cancel the application and start over if necessary.

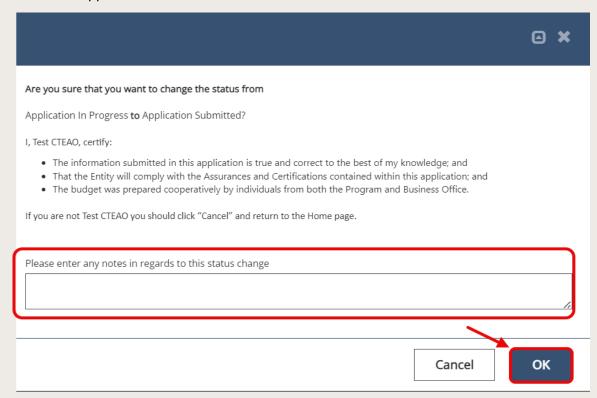


If there is missing information or errors in the application, a message screen will pop up when you select Submit Application. For example, if the District Service Plan and the Signature Page forms are missing, the message screen tells you that these documents are required and will prevent you from changing the application status. You will not be able to submit the application. The form provides links (blue/purple print) in the Form Name and clicking on those links will lead to the area of the application that is preventing the status change and application submission.

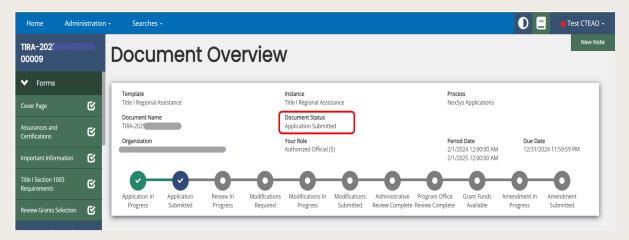




Once the application is complete, go back to Status Options in the green side menu and select Submit Application. The certification screen will appear. Review the certifications, enter any notes regarding the status change, and select OK. Notes left in the Status Options screen will appear in the Notes section of the application.



Check the Document Status on the Landing Page/Document Overview page to ensure that the application status changed to Application Submitted. The Application has been submitted.



The OES consultant will receive an email notification that the modification has been submitted in the NexSys application. The modifications are reviewed by the OES consultant within 7-10 business days.

