FY20 Investment Process FAQs

We are aware of an issue with retrieving in-progress applications from this link which you received by email confirmation: https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5986?SA=AM

Some users have found that when trying to access their applications, they are re-directed to a Blackbaud portal, and login errors occur.

To work around this, we ask that you please *stop using the link above*, hosted on grantrequest.com.

Instead, please use the following link to access your past applications:

https://portal.blackbaudoutcomes.com/#/home

You will then click Sign In:
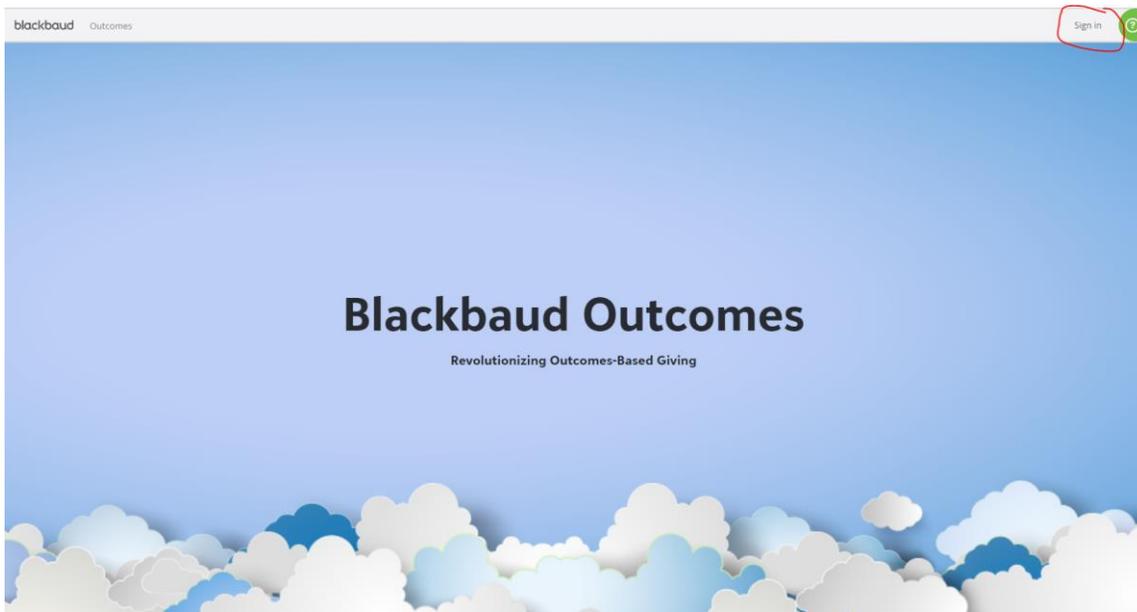
And be brought to this (hopefully familiar) login page:

Note: If you experience issues with this, it is likely caused by Blackbaud's reliance on cookies/ the cache from your internet browser. This works differently in each browser type. Here is a guide on how to clear them in the most commonly used browsers: https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-delete-cookies/

From there, you should click Applications along the top:

If you have started several applications by mistake, you can click the three dots and delete to remove them:

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•••	Single Stage	Community Impact Application for Goal 1 Returning Applicants	United Way Inc dba Greater Portland	Jan 31, 2019	Only me	$0.00		2
Delete								
•••	Single Stage	Community Impact Application for Goal 2 Returning Applicants	United Way Inc dba Greater Portland	Jan 31, 2019	Only me	$0.00		2
•••	Single Stage	Community Impact Application for Goal 2 Returning Applicants	United Way Inc dba Greater Portland	Jan 29, 2019	Only me	$0.00		2
•••	Single Stage	Community Impact Application for Goal 2 Returning Applicants	United Way Inc dba Greater Portland	Jan 29, 2019	Only me	$0.00		2
•••	Single Stage	Community Impact Application for Goal 2 New Applicants	United Way Inc dba Greater Portland	Jan 22, 2019	Only me	$0.00		2
•••	Single Stage	Community Impact Application for Goal 2 Returning	United Way Inc dba Greater Portland	Jan 22, 2019	Only me	$10,000.00	Program name 3	2

How do I share my application with others in my organization?

To invite others to edit your application, log in to https://portal.blackbaudoutcomes.com/#/home and click Control Panel, then Manage groups:
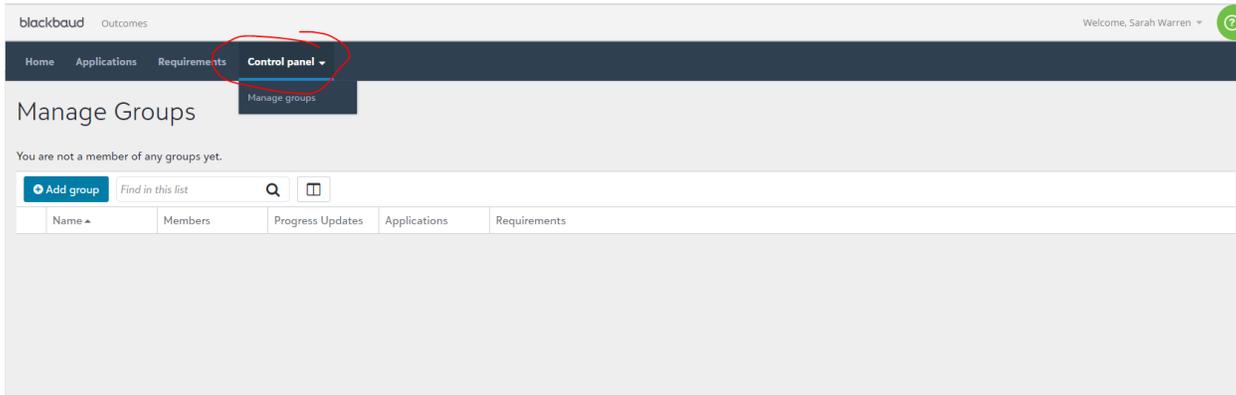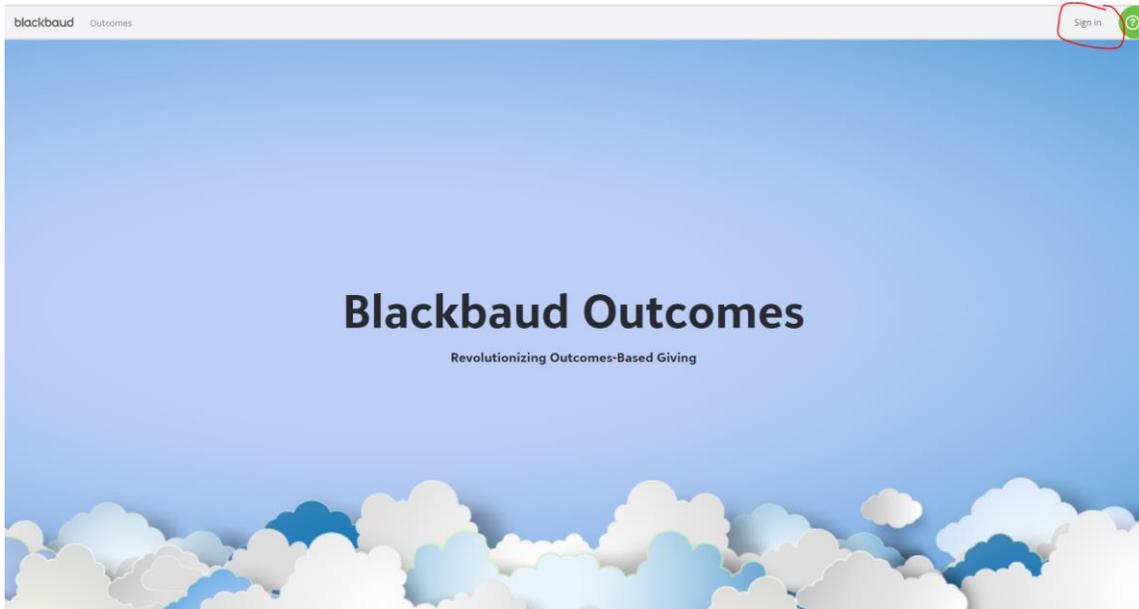

Click +Add group and then enter the information
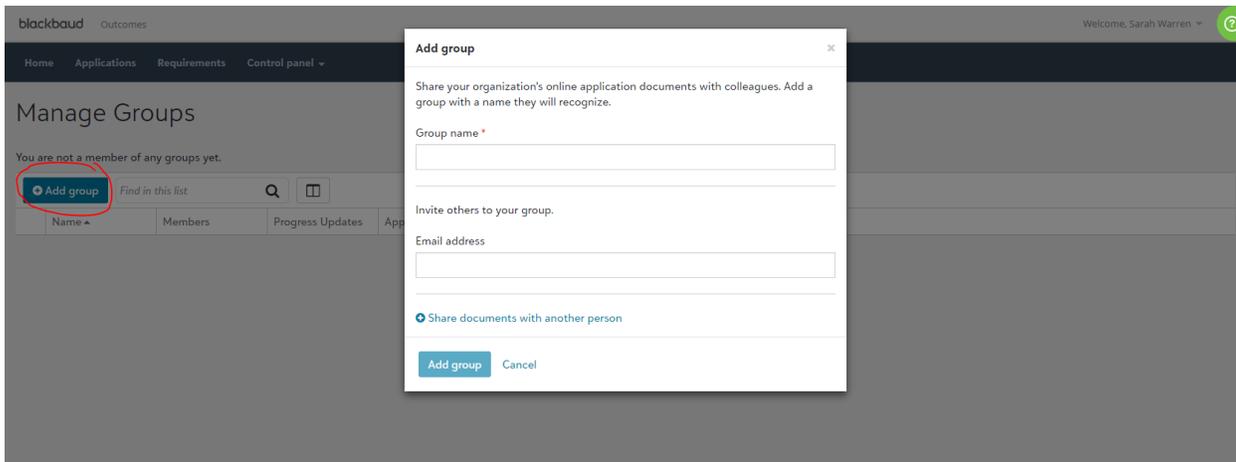
The users will receive an e-mail with a request to join which looks like this:
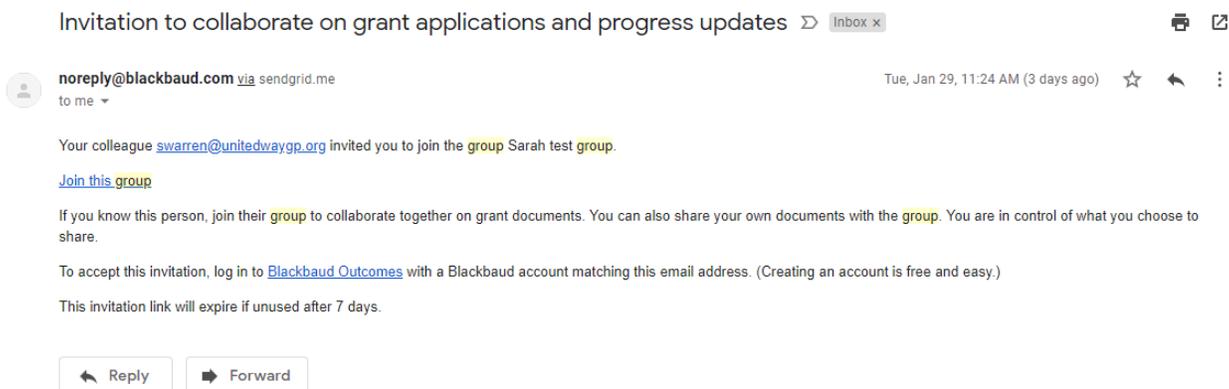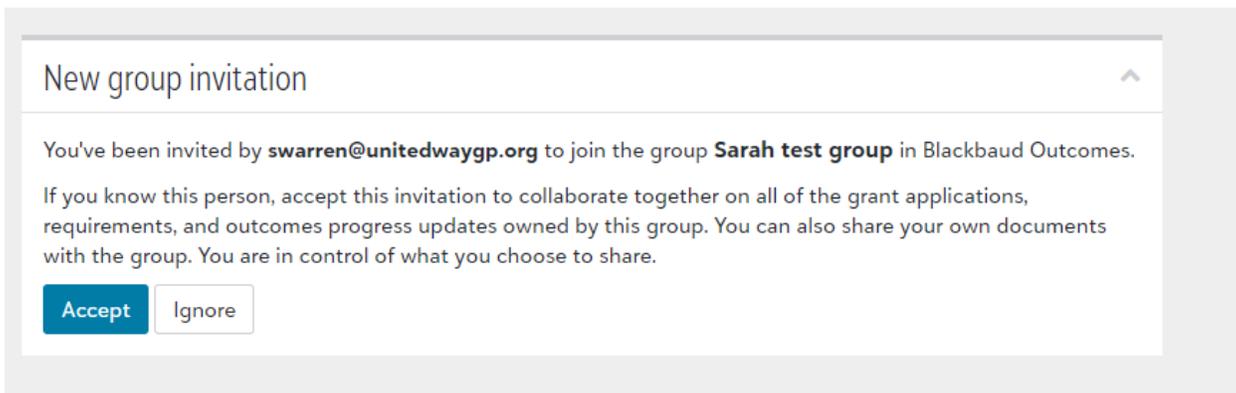
When they click Join this group, it brings them to this page, where they will either need to sign in or create a Blackbaud ID:

They will then have to confirm their account creation from the e-mail sent to their inbox. Then they should log in to Blackbaud with the newly created account. Once they sign in, they will see something like this:

Once that is all set, you can log in and share the app with them. If you get to the page with your In-Progress Applications, you can click the 3 dots next to the appropriate application and it will give you the option to share with the group:

They will then have access to your application. Please reach out to me at swarren@unitedwaygp.org if you experience any issues with this.

Are these [open] strategies going to change from year to year?

There is no guarantee these will continue to be the chosen open strategies from year to year. The Goal Cabinets are always evaluating what will best accelerate the Thrive2027 goals and they will adjust open strategies accordingly.

Can historically funded partners apply under a new strategy from past years?

Yes, historically funded partners can apply under any strategy this year.

Can historically funded partners apply for new programs in addition to the programs that were funded last year?

Yes. If you believe you are going to submit applications for multiple programs, please talk to our staff about how the historic funds will be connected to these programs.

Are the shared performance measures only required if you are applying under new/open strategies?

Yes. They are required for new and returning applicants.*

Have the performance measures from old strategies stayed the same?

Last year we did not prescribe any performance measures, so all performance measures required this year are new and only under open strategies.*

For the 3.1 performance measure, is there a common assessment this is referring to?

No.

How will applications be considered and weighted during review? Will it be a problem if a program doesn't serve a large group of individuals?

The primary question for the investment reviewers is always, "how will the program support progress on the Thrive2027 goals?" There is not a preference for breadth over depth because we are building a portfolio of investments to support the Thrive2027 outcomes. All of the decisions are contextual.

Will there be opportunity to receive specific feedback about FY19 funded programs?

If you would like feedback about your FY19 funded program, you may contact the Goal Director connected to the Thrive2027 goal under which you applied.

Are the committee of reviewers comprised of the same individuals from last year?

Some volunteers will be the same but we are also trying to grow the number of volunteers we have for investment reviewing so there will be new reviewers as well.

Clarifying note from staff: Even if your organization seems to naturally fit under a specific goal, we encourage you to look more specifically at the strategies under all goals where a program of your organization might fit under a different goal.

*There are a small number of funded early childhood partners who began to use shared performance measures last year. These shared performance measures will be available to them again in strategy 1.9, which is not a strategy open to new applicants.