



Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) is modernizing the Grants and Contributions (Gs&Cs) system to make the process of applying for funding easier and faster.

The Gs&Cs Modernization Agenda builds on the significant progress already made on strengthening accountability, reporting and general management of Gs&Cs programs. It will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government programs; which means better services for stakeholders.

## STANDARD APPLICATION FOR FUNDING (FOR GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS)

In December 2012, ESDC implemented the new Standard Application for Funding; a more streamlined, efficient and focused method for organizations to submit funding applications.

The **Standard Application for Funding** will enable applicants to provide the right level of detail needed for program staff to quickly and efficiently complete the assessment process.

- **Benefits** of the Standard Application for Funding include:
  - ✓ simpler to complete across ESDC Gs&Cs programs;
  - ✓ collects only relevant information required to assess the application; and
  - ✓ a consistent template approach to data collection, across ESDC Gs&Cs programs, supports a more focused assessment for all applicants.
- On June 17, 2013, ESDC **will extend the use of the Standard Application for Funding** and program specific Applicant Guide **to grant programs**; it will apply to all **new funding applications submitted on or after June 17, 2013**.

**Note:** *Programs using the current grant application/agreement will continue to use current practices and forms (New Horizons for Seniors Program Community Based Projects and Enabling Accessibility Fund Program).*

**For more information** about ESDC's Gs&Cs funding programs **visit the Gs&Cs Funding Programs Website** at <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/funding/index.shtml>.

