#### 2026-2028 Online Submission Guide

For Alberta's rural, remote, First Nation, Métis Settlement and Métis communities



#### Online Application Submission Guide

The Rural Development Network has changed the Reaching Home application process. Applicants are now required to complete the <u>Reaching Home Call for Proposals 2026-2028</u>.

This application requires you to be logged in to a Google Account. For instructions on how to create a new Google Account, please visit the <u>Google support page</u>. Requiring a Google Account login also allows your application progress to be saved automatically as a draft that can be opened and continued at any time.

We recommend keeping a copy of your answers to all the questions in a separate document before submitting your application on the google form to protect you against any potential computer problems and losing your work before you are able to submit it.

#### How to Submit an Online Application Form

STEP 1: Confirm you are signed in to the appropriate Google Account

The email associated with this account will receive a confirmation message after you have submitted your application.

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rhreporting@ruraldevelopment.ca Switch account



The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

\* Indicates required question

#### STEP 2: Switch to the appropriate Google Account if necessary

If you are not logged in to the account you would like to be, click "Switch account" to choose from a list of your other Google Accounts.

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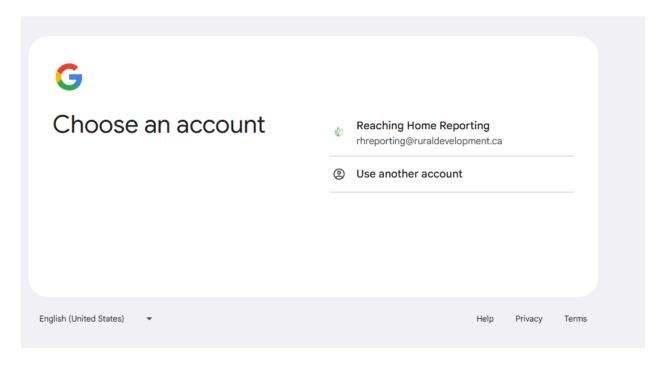
#### STEP 3: Select which account you would like to use

If you don't see the account you would like on the Google Sign-In page, click "User another account" to add a different account.

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#### STEP 4: Fill in the checkbox to record your email address

Once you have confirmed you are logged in to the right account, you will need to confirm your email address. Please note that this is the email that will receive a confirmation of submission. You will have an opportunity to input an alternate email account as the primary contact later in the application form.

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Fmail \*

Record rhreporting@ruraldevelopment.ca as the email to be included with my response

#### IMPORTANT!

DEADLINE: The Reaching Home application and all relevant documents must be submitted not later than <u>December 8th, 2025 at 1:00PM MST</u>. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Earlier submissions from applicants, however, are strongly encouraged in order to ensure applications are reviewed and decisions are made in a timely manner.

REMINDER: We recommend keeping a copy of your answers to all the questions in a separate document before submitting your application on the google form to protect you against any potential computer problems and losing your work before you are able to submit it.

For questions regarding the application or eligibility, please contact the Reaching Home team at <a href="mailto:rhapplications@ruraldevelopment.ca">rhapplications@ruraldevelopment.ca</a>. We strongly encourage applicants to register for and attend one of our <a href="mailto:Q&A sessions">Q&A sessions</a> and review the <a href="mailto:Reaching Home">Reaching Home</a> <a href="mailto:Application Guide">Application Guide</a>.

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#### STEP 5: Click next to continue

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#### STEP 6: Complete Contact Information and Organization Information

The Primary Contact information will be used as the first choice of contact for any questions or updates regarding your application.

#### Contact Information

Signing Authority: Please provide the information of the signing authority for your organization. This person would be listed on the contract if you project is successful in receiving Reaching Home funding. (i.e. CEO, Executive Director, Board Chair etc.)

Primary Contact: Please provide the information of the person who will be responsible for communications, including application questions and reporting submissions.

Secondary Contact: Please provide the information of a second person who will be responsible for communications, including application questions and reporting submissions.

#### STEP 7: Select Application Type

Depending on which application you select, the form will direct you to the relevant questions for your application.

• If your organization is <u>not</u> currently receiving Reaching Home funding or you are applying for a capital project, select "General Application".

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- If you are or have received Reaching Home funding in 2025/26, select "Current Project".
  - Please note that if you are a current Reaching Home project, but intend on applying for a new project, you must select "General Application". Current RH Project applications are only for projects who are continuing to carry out existing project activities.
- If you are an Indigenous organization or applying on behalf of a First Nation or Métis Settlement community, select "Indigenous Application".

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STEP 8: Click next to continue

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#### STEP 9: Fill out the remainder of the application questions, then click Next to continue.

If you are applying for Capital Project funding, you will be required to fill out a Sustainability plan on an additional page.

#### STEP 10: Fill in the checkboxes on the Submission Agreement page

By filling out these checkboxes, you are agreeing to the Submission Agreement statements.

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# Confirmation Signing Authority Approves Submission \* I confirm that the submission of this application has been approved by the appropriate signing authority in my organization. Confirmation Not All Projects Will Receive Funding \* I understand that due to limited funding, not all organizations will be able to receive Reaching Home funding.

#### STEP 11: Complete the Electronic Signature by typing in your name in the textbox.

# Typing your name below signifies that you are completing this form using an electronic signature. By signing electronically, you are certifying that you are the appropriate signing authority for your organization. John Doe

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#### STEP 12: Click Submit to complete your application

You will receive a confirmation email to the Google Account email address you are signed in to shortly after submitting your application.

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#### How to Edit your Application after Submission

You can go back to your application and edit answers to any question before the application deadline (December 8, 2025).

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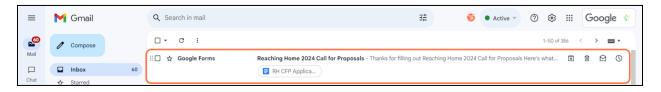




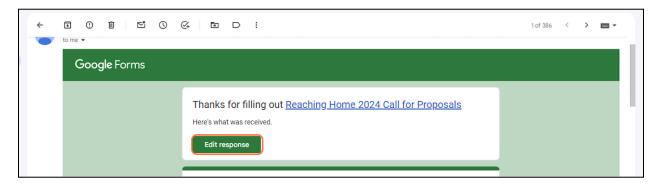
\*\*Please note that applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the auto-save feature. This allows you to exit and come back to your application at any time, rather than editing an already submitted application multiple times.

#### STEP 1: Navigate to your application confirmation email

Your confirmation email will be sent to the Google Account email you were signed in to while completing the application.



#### STEP 2: Click "Edit response" in the confirmation email



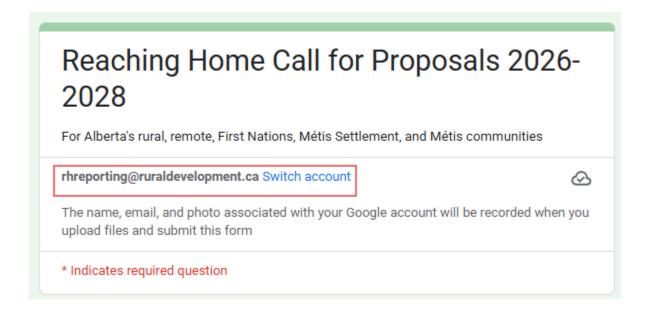
## STEP 3: Ensure that you are signed in to the same account that received your application confirmation email

You may need to click "Switch account" to log in to the appropriate Google Account if the email does not match.

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STEP 4: Edit your application as needed, clicking "Next" on each page until you reach the Submission Agreement page.

#### STEP 5: IMPORTANT - You MUST re-submit in order for your application to be updated

You will need to navigate to the submission page again and click "Submit" in order for any changes to be reflected in your application.

