

LOLA 2018 update release notes

The following changes were implemented on 10/10/2017

LOLA updates

Updated how “other” amount fields function on Project Cost and Credit Calculation screen

Previously, if an applicant entered an amount on the Project Cost and Credit Calculation screen for one or more of the fields that begin with the word “Other” (e.g. Other Site Work), the applicant could not pass validation on for the aforementioned page, until removing the word “Other” from the text box(es). Previously, the applicant would need to hunt for the unspecific erroneous field and would need to update the description to something that did not start with the word “Other”. We have updated LOLA so that the word “Other” is not part of the validation for this page.

Improved handling for (\$) in amount fields on Project Costs and Credit Calculation screen

Previously, entering a dollar sign in an amount field on this page would crash the Project Cost and Credit Calculation page **OR** make the entire specified application unavailable (broken). This could only be fixed by calling WHEDA support to manually correct the application data. LOLA will now handle dollar signs for any amount field on the Project Costs & Credit Calculation screen.

Updated browser requirements

Changed the General System Requirements to state “Microsoft Internet Explorer is the only supported browser. Internet Explorer version 9 or higher is required.” Previously the requirements stated that Internet Explorer 5.5 was supported.

Updated Operating Expenses on Financial Feasibility Threshold Test

Per the [2018 FAQs](#), Updated the range for Operating Expenses see document for details

Fixed broken Link

The Credit Award Checklist found on the Application One submission page of LOLA has been updated.

Added entry for “New Construction Only” to Self Scoring Checklist under the Credit Usage Category

For “Credit Usage (Scoring Category 13)”, selecting Encl. to show that you are including supporting documentation for this category, would previously require the applicant to mark the subordinate checkbox to state they are enclosing information related to mixed New Construction and Adaptive re-use. To allow for New Construction Only projects, added a second subordinate checkbox which states “For a New Construction only project, no documentation is required.”

Fixed Submission Print View of Application

An issue in 2017 - values on the Credit Usage page were not calculating or displaying correctly after submission when being presented with the copy for printing the application. This led to issues where the printed copy of the Submitted application would show incorrect amounts from what was actually in the application. The repair automatically performs the calculations behind the scenes prior to submission, to provide an accurate view of the submitted values.

Capture Difficult Development Area (DDA) information

On the Project Name and Location screen, added two new fields to capture whether the project is in a Difficult Development Area (DDA). LOLA will require a ZIP code for DDA projects, as well as a Yes / No response to “Is Project in a Difficult Development Area? If the response is a “Yes” then the ZIP code is required.

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An Important Note

When working in an LOLA Application, the scoring should be completed last - meaning, that if at some point after entering data on the scoring page(s), an applicant makes a change to the information that was saved prior to scoring, the applicant must then revisit each scoring page, in order to show accurate results. When looking at the scoring sections in detail, you will notice that there are calculations performed, and in some cases, information from the Preliminary Application sections (Project Name and Location through Financial Feasibility Threshold Test) is actually imported into various parts of the scoring sections. What does this mean - if you have scored your application, but then re-visit a Preliminary Application Section, you must then revisit your scoring categories to ensure that they have not changed based on the changes you made to the Preliminary Application Sections.

--If you have not revisited the scoring sections after making the changes mentioned in the note above, it is possible that some of the information you have saved/submitted may be inaccurate, and need to be corrected by WHEDA, which could also cause discrepancies in your scoring.