



Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) Program

Number: 15.252

Agency: Department of the Interior

Office: Office of Surface Mining

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Authorization (040):

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, Public Law 95-87, 91 Stat. 445-532.

Objectives (050):

To protect the public, health, safety and general welfare, and restore land, water and environmental resources affected by coal and noncoal mining practices that occurred prior to August 3, 1977.

Types of Assistance (060):

FORMULA GRANTS; PROJECT GRANTS

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

Grants support the operation of an approved State or Tribal Abandoned Mine Land (AML) reclamation program. Approved programs use grant funds for mine site reclamation projects on eligible lands, which are lands and waters mined or affected by coal mining processes that occurred prior to August 3, 1977 (as well as certain post-1977 and noncoal mining activities). Grants also support project administration. Grants may also include funding for AML-related activities including: abating emergency mining-related dangers to public health and safety; restoring water supply facilities impacted by coal mining; setting aside funds in a trust account to fund future acid mine drainage treatment; and developing a self-sustaining State subsidence insurance program. Approved programs which have completed coal mine reclamation in their state or on lands within their jurisdiction may use funds for other activities as authorized in SMCRA. Please contact the headquarters office more information.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

The program is restricted to States with (1) an approved coal mining regulatory program, (2) lands eligible for reclamation, and (3) active coal mining operations within their borders that are paying coal reclamation fees into the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund; and to federally-recognized Indian Tribes with (1) eligible lands, and (2) active mining operations paying fees into the Fund. An eligible State or Tribe may submit a State reclamation plan to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) for approval.

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

Coal field citizens and the general public benefit from reduced exposure to safety and health risks from abandoned mine lands.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

A State or Tribal Indian reclamation plan must be approved by the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. AML grants to approved projects must be approved by an authorized official of the appropriate OSM Regional or Field Office. OMB Circular No. A-87 applies to this program.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

Environmental clearance actions for each individual reclamation project are completed as part of the recipient's request for OSM's approval of the Authorization to proceed, which is the point of federal action for that reclamation project. An environmental impact statement is required for this program. An environmental impact assessment is required for this program. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

Application Procedures (092):

OMB Circular No. A-102 applies to this program. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-110. The standard application SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance as required by 2 CFR Part 215.12 and 43 CFR Part Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," are required to apply for a grant. The forms may be obtained and the application is to be submitted through www.Grants.gov. Grant applications may also be submitted to the applicable OSM Regional/Field Office. Please contact the appropriate OSM Regional Office for assistance.

Award Procedure (093):

The Regional Office should act upon a grant application within 60 days of submittal of a complete application. If the application is not approved, the Regional Office must set forth in writing the reasons for disapproval and may propose modifications if appropriate. Subsequently, the applicant may submit the revised application or appropriate revised portions of the original application.

Deadlines (094):

Not Applicable.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

Normally 60 days.

Appeals (096):

An applicant may appeal the OSM's decision not to approve a grant or to reduce or terminate a grant to the Director, OSM no later than 30 days after the disapproval action.

Renewals (097):

New grants may be awarded annually upon satisfactory performance by the State/Tribal AML Program.

Assistance Consideration (100)

Formula and Matching Requirements (101):

Statutory Formula: Title , Chapter , Part , Subpart , Public Law. Grants are 100 percent Federally funded. Grant funds are mandatory, are not subject to fiscal year appropriation limitations, and are calculated using a distribution formula. The distribution formula is based on annual reclamation fee collections and historical coal production.

Source of funding is provided from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund and from the General Fund of the Treasury.

Matching requirements are not applicable to this program.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this program.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

Grant periods are variable; however, funds for reclamation construction activities should be normally expended within three years after award. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released:
Information not available.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)

Reports (111):

Annual performance report is required. Cash reports are not applicable. Progress reports are not applicable. The Federal Financial Report, SF 425 is required. Performance monitoring is not applicable.

Audits (112):

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 27, 2003), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of \$500,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

Records (113):

Records will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments."

Financial Information (120)

Account Identification (121):

14-1804-0-1-551; 14-5015-0-2-999; 14-1803-0-1-999.

Obligations (122):

(Project Grants) FY 11 \$395,557,364; FY 12 est \$485,513,466; and FY 13 est \$488,700,000

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

Range is \$257,477 to \$150,018,677; Average \$17,339,767.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Fiscal Year 2012: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2013: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2014: No Current Data Available

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

30 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 870-887. Final Guidelines for Reclamation Programs and Projects, Federal Register, 66 Federal Register, 31250-31258, June 11, 2001.

Information Contacts (150)

Regional or Local Office (151) :

See Regional Agency Offices. See Catalog Appendix IV for addresses.

Headquarters Office (152):

Chief, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining, Division of Reclamation Support, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, District of Columbia 20240 Phone: (202) 208-2868 Fax: (202) 219-0239

Website Address (153):

<http://www.osmre.gov>

Related Programs (160):

15.250 Regulation of Surface Coal Mining and Surface Effects of Underground Coal Mining; 15.253 Not-for-Profit AMD Reclamation; 15.254 Summer Watershed Intern; 15.255 Applied Science Program Cooperative Agreements Related to Coal Mining and Reclamation

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Fiscal Year 2012: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2013: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2014: No Current Data Available

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

Section 403 and 411 of Public Law 95-87, cited Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program regulations, and approved State/Tribal Reclamation plans.