Application Period The Governor of Virginia announces the Virginia Department of Energy's (Virginia Energy) acceptance of letters of intent and grant application deadlines. Virginia Energy Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) program staff are available to answer questions and consult with interested applicants.

Application Review • The AMLER Advisory Committee assists Virginia Energy with application review and project selection.

Notification

 Virginia notifies applicants of selection for further programmatic and financial vetting review by the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSMRE).

Vetting

- Virginia Energy AMLER staff assist applicants with the two vetting processes (Programmatic & Financial).
- Completed vetting documents are reviewed and approved by OSMRE.

Project Agreement Applicants for projects approved by OSMRE enter into a Project Agreement with Virginia Energy at which time AMLER funds may be expended for project development costs such as engineering and environmental compliance services.

Project Development

- An Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and submitted to Virginia Energy. Upon completion of internal review the EA is forwarded to OSMRE, requesting review for an Authorization to Proceed (ATP).
- Detailed construction plans are completed and submitted to Virginia Department of Energy for review.

Contract

 Once plans are accepted by Virginia Energy and an ATP is issued by OSMRE, the Virginia Department of Energy will enter into contract with the grant recipient to complete the project.

Construction

 After a contract has been executed, grant recipients can begin work on construction/implementation. Procurement advertisements and contracts can be issued following the Virginia Public Procurement Act (VPPA).

The applicant is typically responsible for all project development and construction stage activities and may hire out, in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act, appropriate professional and nonprofessional services toward the successful completion of the project.