FAQs:

1. Is there a minimum or maximum amount that can be requested? *No*

2. Is a Project Manager required? *An independent project manager is not required; however, the grantee is required to manage their grant. The AMLER grant is a commitment; therefore, we suggest having someone capable of fulfilling the requirements set by OSMRE and KYAML.  There are potential audits, financial submittals, reports, meetings, etc. that are required.  The Area Development Districts are familiar with the AMLER requirements.*

3. Can for-profit companies apply for AMLER grant funds? *AMLER funds cannot be directly distributed to a for-profit company.  A partnership would have to be made with a non-profit or government agency to qualify.*

4. What is a nexus and what proximity is allowable for a proposed AMLER site?  *To qualify for the grant the site must have an AML Nexus, meaning a connection to historic mining (prior to May 18, 1982). That Nexus could be:*
   *- Previously reclaimed AML lands*
   *- Land adjacent to unreclaimed AML land and/or the community impacted by historic coal production*
   *- AML cannot grant funds if the property is a permitted Title V site.*
   *- The typical nexus eligibility search is a half-mile radius.*

5. Which counties are considered Appalachian? *Kentucky's Appalachian counties include: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Hart, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, McCreary, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe.*

   *However, being in an Appalachian County does not show an AML Nexus.  All applications must prove an AML Nexus on their application.*

6. How can I find out if my site has historic mining adjacent to it?  *Check the [AMLIS](#) website.  e-AMLIS is a national inventory that provides information about known Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)*

7. Is leased property eligible or does it have to be purchased? *Long-term leases can be allowed under certain circumstances but verification of agreement must be provided and approved.*

8. Can the grant be combined with in-kind funds from other sources?  *Multiple funding sources are not required but encouraged. AMLER funds must be allocated with clearly defined line items.*

9. Can project elements be changed later or must they match the original application?  *During development and construction, modifications may be allowed if they still fall within the spirit of the application and are within the scope of work outlined in the MOA.*

10. I have a project that, if selected, is ready to begin immediately. What is a realistic timeline for grant implementation? *Every project is different and the timeline varies. Our grants are set on a 3-year schedule. An example of a representative timeline: Process applications through to the selection of the grantees is about 2-3 months, OSMRE vetting process is about 6 months, MOA is about 4-5 months, Design is determined by grantee, NEPA process is about 3-4 months, ATP process is 4-6 months, Construction is determined by grantee.*

11. What kinds of projects are considered? *AMLER funds focus on projects that promote Economic and Community Development. Projects will need to demonstrate how they will benefit the economy or communities through metrics such as number of students trained, jobs created, or increased tourism.*

12. Who can I contact if I have additional questions not answered here?
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