AMLER Grant Process

Application Period — The Energy and Environment Cabinet issues public notice of acceptance of applications. Divison of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) staff are available to answer questions and consult with interested applicants.

Cabinet Review — The Cabinet, with the assistance of an advisory group, reviews all applications. Applicants may be required, as a part of the review process, to make presentations.

Initial Vetting — Selected applications are sent to OSMRE for review. This is a lengthy process involving critical assessment from several offices within OSMRE from Lexington, KY to Washington D.C.

MOA and Design — Applicants vetted by OSMRE enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Cabinet, after which grant funds may be expended, but only for project design costs.

NEPA Review — Completed designs are submitted to AML. AML conducts a National Environmental Policy Act review, assessing the site for environmental and socio-economic impacts.

ATP — AML submits the completed designs and NEPA assessment to OSMRE, requesting Authorization to Proceed. A second review by OSMRE, this process is detailed and often lengthy.

Implementation — After ATP is given from OSMRE, grants can begin work on construction/Implementation. Bids and contracts can be issued, following Kentucky Model Procurement code.

Final Reporting — Once the project is completed and the grant expended, grantees are required to complete a final summary of the project, evaluating the process.
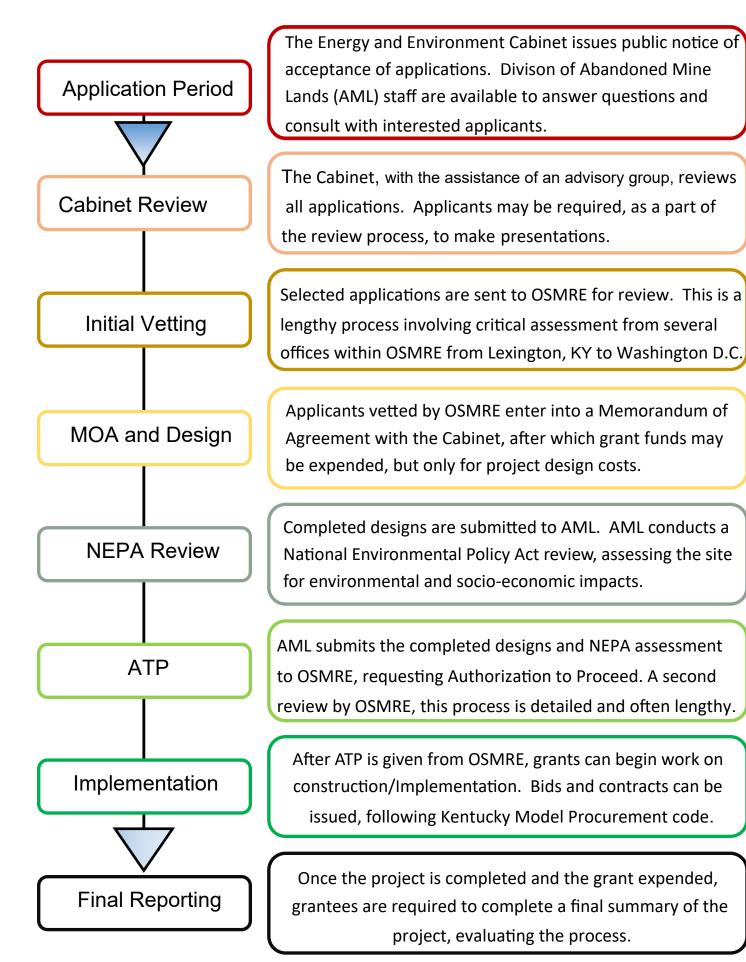
*See "Important Terms" document for information on other abbreviations and terminology.