**Virginia Department of Energy**

**FY 2024 Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization**

**Overview of AMLER Grant Timeline from Vetting to Construction**

Selected projects will be further evaluated to ensure the concept of the project meets the intent of the grant program. Revisions, clarifications, and additional information may be requested. Applicants are also evaluated to ensure compliance with financial rules and regulations. Additional information or clarification may also be requested during this review.

Upon determination that Virginia Energy is satisfied with the concept of the project, that the project meets the intent of the grant program, and that the applicant is in good financial standing with the capacity to execute the project, a Letter to Proceed will be issued and Subrecipient Status will be approved for the applicant. **Projects that are unable to pass Virginia Energy review will not receive funding.** Subrecipients will be required to sign a Project Agreement document which describes their obligations to faithfully and legally execute the project.

The next stage is project development. This includes coordinating proposed up-front expenditures, preparation of project plans, any measures necessary to meet Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements, and any permits that will be obtained by the Subrecipient or its agents other than a construction contractor. Prepared project plans are submitted to Virginia Energy for review. During this time you will begin submitting monthly progress reports to Virginia Energy.

Following plan and permit acceptance, Virginia Energy will authorize the construction stage to begin during which on-the-ground construction, property purchases, equipment purchases, and other approved project activities occur. No such expenditures or procurement of expenditures may occur prior to this stage.

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 construction services toward the successful completion of the project. Additionally, applicants are required to execute a project agreement and/or contract with Virginia Energy which describes their obligations to faithfully and legally execute the project. Compliance with OSMRE’s AMLER Program Guidance Document, and Virginia Energy’s AMLER Terms & Conditions are required.