



## ARIPPA AML/AMD RECLAMATION \$5,000 AWARDS\*

**All proposals must be received by  
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# ARIPPA AMD/AML RECLAMATION AWARDS

## Purpose:

The Anthracite Region Independent Power Producer's Association (ARIPPA) is offering competitive awards to watershed organizations working on Abandoned Mine Land (AML) and/or Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) remediation projects in Pennsylvania. **The awards distributed in October 2021 will total \$5,000.**

Organized in 1988, ARIPPA is a non-profit trade association based in Camp Hill PA. Membership is located in both the Anthracite and Bituminous Regions of Pennsylvania and comprised of:

- Independent electric generating plants producing alternative energy and/or steam from coal refuse and
- Businesses associated with the coal refuse - to - alternative energy industry.

## Accordingly, ARIPPA is organized to:

- advance the alternative energy electric power production industry,
- encourage education about the generation of alternative energy and related industries,
- promote the environmentally responsible production of electric power,
- promote the utilization of alternative energy electric power,
- endorse the continuity and growth of the alternative energy power production industry,
- assist in meeting this country's energy, industrial, economic, and environmental needs.

Due in part to ARIPPA member activities, **unsightly coal refuse piles and the problems associated with them are gradually disappearing.** Thousands of acres of land have been and continue to be reclaimed to a natural state or for productive use and future development. ARIPPA facilities remove and utilize coal refuse from both past and current mining activities, thereby abating acid mine drainage from coal refuse piles. ARIPPA reports that 145 million tons of coal refuse has been processed and converted into alternative energy by their member plants from 1998 to 2008. Further, the technology used to convert coal refuse to electricity, known as Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) technology, produces alkaline-rich ash by-products. There are many beneficial uses for CFB ash including; filling mine pits, as a replacement for lime (mine drainage remediation), as a soil amendment at mining sites, and as a concrete additive.

The unique nature of ARIPPA's work combined with the desire to coordinate efforts with environmentally-oriented groups and governmental agencies symbolize a commitment to improving the landscape and environment of our nation.

Watershed protection is one of the fastest growing areas of community-based collaboration. Throughout the country, watershed groups are playing an increasingly prominent role in environmental management. With their local focus and community base, watershed groups are building consensus and expanding participation within communities across Pennsylvania. It is not uncommon for organizations to operate on an annual unrestricted budget of less than \$5,000, while at the same time implementing \$100,000 projects that directly benefit communities and the environment.

AML projects in particular are costly and long-term endeavors often taken on by non-profit organizations that operate through grant funds. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) Mining Reclamation Advisory Board (MRAB), the average cost of an AML project is at least \$8,000 per acre. If AMD is present on those lands, the cost could be even higher. Pennsylvania organizations have relied heavily on Pennsylvania's Growing Greener funds, which have dwindled in recent years, making it more difficult to fund AML projects. The ARIPPA AML/AMD Reclamation Awards are designed to help environmental organizations and Conservation Districts secure extra match to leverage additional funds.

The Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Coalitions for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR and WPCAMR respectively) are non-profit organizations working to encourage the reclamation, remediation, and redevelopment of lands and streams polluted by historic coal mining. They serve as liaisons between industry, governmental agencies, and watershed organizations and offer conferences, educational opportunities, and technical assistance. They endorse state-of-the-art technologies in conjunction with grass roots efforts to solve AML problems. EPCAMR and WPCAMR support the efforts of ARIPPA and will administer the ARIPPA AML/AMD Reclamation Awards.

Grants up to a maximum of \$2,500 will be awarded to at least one eligible environmental organization or Conservation District in the Anthracite Region and one eligible environmental organization or Conservation District in the Bituminous Region in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania actively working on AML/AMD issues. Grant proposals should be for "on-the-ground" AML/AMD construction projects with a completion date between August 2020 and August 2022. The amount granted is dependent upon demonstrated need. Applying organizations must support the mission of ARIPPA, including the removal and conversion of coal refuse into alternative energy and the beneficial use of CFB ash for AML/AMD reclamation purposes (sample support letter provided).

**Since 2010, the ARIPPA AMD/AML Reclamation Award Program funded many projects throughout the state including:**

**2020**

- Earth Conservancy: \$2,500 for the Nanticoke Creek Watershed Monitoring Project
- Moshannon Creek Watershed Association: \$2,000 for watershed monitoring and AMD prioritization
- Kiski Watershed Association: \$500 to purchase a weed wacker to maintain the Booker AMD passive treatment system.

**2019**

- Clearfield Creek Watershed Association: \$1,800 for repair of a limestone channel at the Swank 13 Mine discharge treatment system
- Armstrong Conservation District: \$700 for matching funds for the Kimmel Project, a bond forfeiture site in need of extensive reclamation
- Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 for the Keehley Run Stream Diversion Project

**2018**

- Sewickley Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 for stone on a walking trail around the Lowber AMD Treatment System
- Luzerne Conservation District: \$1,750 for surveying time and continued AMD monitoring of the Plainsville AMD Borehole discharge in Plainsville, PA
- Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association: \$1,750 for the annual Centralia cleanup

**2017**

- Sewickley Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 for building and educational pavilion
- Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association: \$800 towards the purchase of limestone sand and hauling costs to be placed along the banks of the headwaters of Red Brook Run for AMD Passive Treatment
- Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance: \$1,193 to purchase and install and interpretive sign
- Lackawanna River Conservation Association: \$907 towards the purchase of a set of pre-cast concrete along the bank of the Lackawanna River in Old Forge, PA to be able to safely access the Old Forge AMD Borehole for future monitoring and public access tours

**2016**

- Sewickley Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 for expenses related to repair of the Lowber AMD Treatment System
- Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association: \$800 for in stream limestone sand dosing
- Newport Township Crime Watch: \$500 for illegal dumpsite cleanup on AML
- Luzerne Conservation District: \$700 for purchase of water quality monitoring equipment

**2015**

- Huntingdon County Conservation District: \$750 for Limestone Dosing of Shoup's Run
- Elk County Conservation District: \$1,250 for AML analysis in West Creek Headwaters
- Allegheny Land Trust: \$500 for sign replacement at Wingfield Pines Treatment System
- Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association: \$800 for the purchase of lime sand for dosing
- Earth Conservancy: \$1,200 for wayside educational exhibit on Askam Treatment System
- McGlynn Learning Center: \$500 for Build-a-Birdhouse workshop; birdhouses to be placed on reclaimed AML sites.

## **2014**

- Evergreen Conservancy: \$1,250 to purchase rechargeable batteries to store renewable energy for the Tanoma AMD Treatment system.
- AWARE: \$1,250 for construction activities associated with an AMD treatment system built in partnership with Robindale Energy in Altman Run Watershed.
- Babb Creek Watershed Association: \$1,300 for replacement parts for the Antrim AMD treatment system.
- Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association: \$500 for the purchase of lime sand for dosing
- Centralia Borough: \$700 to purchase supplies and for hauling of illegally dumped trash

## **2013**

- Allegheny Valley Land Trust: \$1,500 for construction of a system to collect sediment from a spoil pile along the Allegheny River
- Evergreen Conservancy: \$1,000 to purchase/install a new water turbine at Tanoma Wetlands. Combined with previously installed renewable energy, the system will be aerated 24/7.
- Luzerne Conservation District: \$500 for removal of debris dams within Nockley's Trib. to Solomon Creek and restore severely eroded stream banks and storm water inlets.
- Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association: \$1,000 for 50 Tons of limestone sand to be applied to the South Branch of Mehoopany Creek to increase the pH levels in the stream, to improve the fishery habitat and water quality.
- Plymouth Historical Society: \$500 to cleanup illegally dumped garbage at the historic Avondale Mine Disaster site located in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County, PA
- Lackawanna River Corridor Association: \$500 for a real estate appraisal on the value of abandoned mine lands near the Old Forge AMD Borehole in an effort to secure the property to be used for future AMD Treatment.

## **2012**

- Sewickley Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 for iron sludge recovery in the Marchand AMD Treatment System.
- Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited: \$2,500 for lime dosing.
- Babb Creek Watershed Association: \$1,000 to offset cost of micro-hydroelectric turbines to generate electricity on 2 billion gal/day of AMD thru the Antrim Treatment System.
- Eastern Middle Anthracite Region Recovery, Inc.: \$1,000 for refurbishment of hydroelectric components on the Audenried AMD Treatment System.
- Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 to purchase and apply limestone to continue the treatment of a large AMD seep at WALA Lake
- Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance: \$500 to restore roadway, remove silt from pond 2, block entrances, and install signs at Carbon Run Site 42 AMD Treatment System.

## **2011**

- Blackleggs Creek Watershed Association: \$2,500 to construct a concrete pad for a lime dosing silo in the Bear Run Treatment complex.
- Stream Restoration Inc.: \$2,500 for project costs associated with removing waste coal refuse to be used in energy production and the construction of an AMD treatment system.
- Schuylkill Headwaters Association: \$3,000 for the Wagner Run Restoration project to keep water in the stream channel, reducing the volume of the Pine Knot AMD discharge.

- Huber Breaker Preservation Society: \$1,000 to place a pedestrian access gate in a wrought iron fence surrounding the property around the Huber Memorial Park.
- Eastern Middle Anthracite Region Recovery, Inc.: \$1,000 for enhancement of the Audenreid AMD Treatment System to provide reliable flow to the micro-hydro turbines.

**2010**

- Clearfield Creek Watershed Association: \$8,000 for Swank 13 AMD Passive Treatment
- Evergreen Conservancy: \$2,000 Alternative Energy development at Tanoma Wetlands
- Earth Conservancy: \$460 to replace informational signage on the Mocanaqua Loop Trail developed on abandoned mine lands.
- Schuykill Headwaters Association: \$4,770 to repair the Glendower Breech which will return a stream back to its original channel avoiding contact with coal sediment.
- Eastern Middle Anthracite Region Recovery, Inc.: \$4,770 to construct a water intake on the Audenreid Treatment System to increase flow to the micro-hydro turbines.

### **Eligible Applicants:**

- Environmental organizations with 501(c)(3) non-profit status or Conservation Districts in Pennsylvania are eligible. Organizations without 501(c)(3) non-profit status must identify a qualified non-profit to administer the grant's finances, if awarded.
- Applicants must provide a letter (sample letter available) stating the organization supports the mission of ARIPPA, including the removal-conversion of coal refuse into alternative energy and the beneficial use of CFB ash for AML-AMD reclamation purposes.

### **Eligible Use of Funds and Match:**

Awards up to a maximum of \$2,500 will be given for on-the-ground AML/AMD projects.

The grant application should include a list of *specific* budgetary items for which funding is requested. Recipients are expected to use grant funds as outlined in their proposals, and projects should be completed between August 2020 and August 2022.

While a cash or non-cash match is *not* required for ARIPPA AML/AMD Reclamation Awards, preference will be given to applications that show match. Non-cash, in-kind contributions are acceptable and may include volunteer time, donated services, or other donated items directly relating to the development of your organization, its mission, or its project(s).

### **Grant Recipient Responsibilities:**

IMPORTANT - Upon receipt of funding notification, your organization is required to do **all** of the following:

- Recognize ARIPPA's, EPCAMR's, and WPCAMR's sponsorship in your organization's newsletter or similar publication.
- Recognize ARIPPA, EPCAMR, and WPCAMR in all media and publicity materials distributed by your organization as you promote your project.
- Prominently display ARIPPA's, EPCAMR's, and WPCAMR's name on any project-related reports, handouts, signage, and websites.
- Recognize ARIPPA, EPCAMR, and WPCAMR in at least one press release to local print media about the project. You are encouraged to solicit local print media to write a story about the project.
- Notify ARIPPA, EPCAMR, and WPCAMR when the funded project is completed and follow up with photos and narrative of the work that was completed (an "after snapshot").

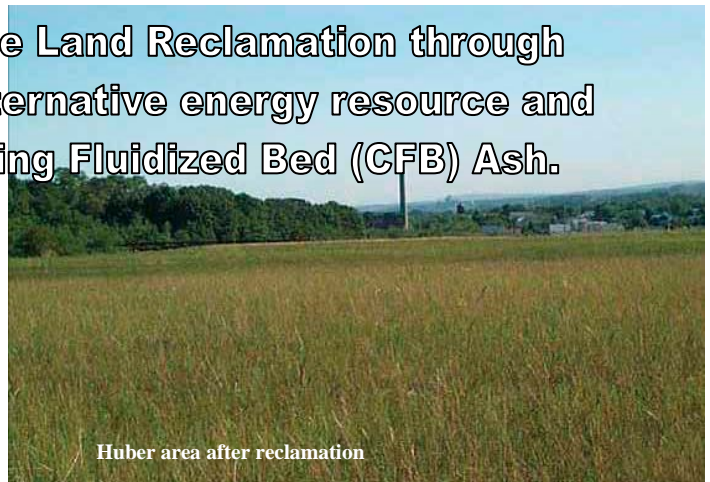
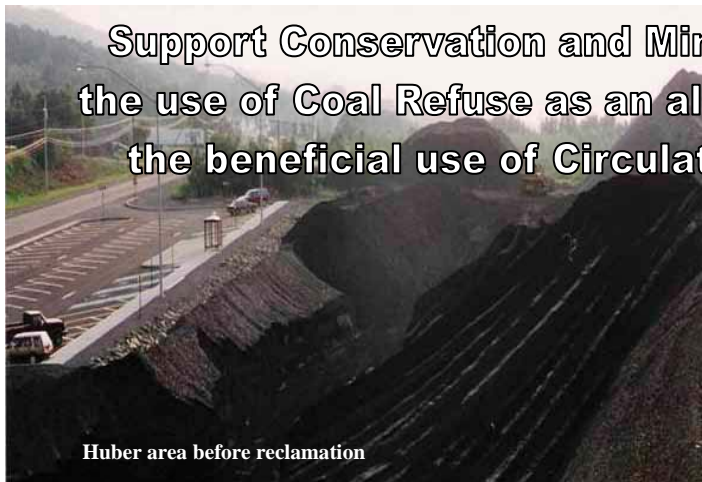
# Applying for the ARIPPA AML/AMD Reclamation Awards

To apply for a grant, please do the following:

1. Contact your coal region's representative to verify that your organization and project are eligible for program funds:
  - a. Eastern Pennsylvania: Robert Hughes, Executive Director, EPCAMR, 570-371-3523, [rhughes@epcamr.org](mailto:rhughes@epcamr.org)
  - b. Western Pennsylvania: Andy McAllister, Regional Coordinator, WPCAMR, 717-497-3415, [andy@wpcamr.org](mailto:andy@wpcamr.org)
2. Follow the guidelines provided in this document when preparing your application.
3. Submit one (1) complete copy of your grant application with all attachments and supporting documentation to [anne@wpcamr.org](mailto:anne@wpcamr.org) by above deadline. Be sure to attach all the required documents stated on the Application Documentation section (page 6) to this e-mail. One word document for items 2-6 is preferred. Please send attachments in either word document or PDF formats.

**\*\*Your coal region's representative can answer general application submittal questions and can provide your organization with literature on the beneficial use of coal ash.**

**\*\*Once your application has been received, you will be sent a confirmation e-mail to the address listed on the cover page.**



Support Conservation and Mine Land Reclamation through the use of Coal Refuse as an alternative energy resource and the beneficial use of Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Ash.



# Application Documentation

Please provide the following:

1. **Grant Application Cover Page and Checklist** — the “fill-in PDF” form available with these instructions. Download, fill out & save to your desktop, then attach to application.
2. **Executive Summary** — Statement of the organization’s mission, goals, achievements, and current projects. (One page maximum.)
3. **Project Description** — Explanation of the proposed project. In your description, please answer the following questions: (Three pages maximum.)
  - a. Why are you seeking an ARIPPA AML/AMD Reclamation Award?
  - b. How will this grant help your organization attain its goals and objectives?
  - c. What current partners do you have for this project? What additional partners do you hope to bring on board?
  - d. What long-term plan will this grant assist your organization?
  - e. 2 digital photos of the project. We prefer one pre construction and one post construction photo
4. **Budget Narrative** —Table depicting the project budget. Please include specific items for which grant money is requested.
5. **Project Timeline** — Table depicting the project timeline. Please include start date, expenditure date(s), and expected tangible outcome date(s).
6. **List of Officers** — List of your organization’s officers/board members, including their contact information.
7. **IRS 501(c) (3) Determination** — Copy of your organization’s IRS 501(c) (3) tax-exempt determination letter. (In the case of those organizations without non-profit status, include a copy of your pass-through organization’s tax-exempt determination letter. See *Eligible Applicants*, page 4.)
8. **ARIPPA Mission Support Letter** — Documentation of your organization’s support of ARIPPA’s mission, including the removal and conversion of coal refuse into alternative energy and the beneficial use of CFB ash for AML/AMD reclamation purposes on your organization's letterhead. For more information on ARIPPA visit: [www.arippa.org](http://www.arippa.org).
9. **Letters of Support** (*optional*) — Letters of support showing partners’ approval of proposed project and confidence in your organization.
10. **Other Information** (*optional*) — Additional literature or narrative that describes your organization or its project that you believe is relevant and important.