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OSMRE announces \$1.6 million in funding for Applied Sciences projects

Funds improve technologies related to surface coal mining and reclamation

WASHINGTON – The [Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement \(OSMRE\)](#) announced today the availability of fiscal year 2021 [Applied Sciences Program](#) funding. The application period opened August 20, 2021 and will close 45 days later on October 7, 2021.

OSMRE provides Applied Sciences funding to projects that help address important issues that arise during the implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, Native American tribal organizations, and federal, state, and local governments.

Applicants may request funding up to \$200,000, which would be awarded through a cooperative agreement. Each agreement will be established for a period of time consistent with the proposal; generally, agreements do not exceed two years from the date of award.

Applied Sciences funding results in the improved protection of the public and the environment by advancing technology development and transfer related to surface coal mining and reclamation. Such efforts are needed to better protect endangered species, improve reforestation, protect prime farmland, and mitigate harmful environmental hazards, while improving the lives of environmental justice communities throughout coal country.

For more information on the funding opportunity, as well as potential topics for Applied Sciences funding, please visit: <https://www.osmre.gov/programs/tdt/appliedScience.shtm>.

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The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) carries out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 in cooperation with States and Tribes. OSMRE's objectives are to ensure that coal mining activities are conducted in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining, to ensure that the land is restored to beneficial use after mining, and to mitigate the effects of past mining by aggressively pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines.