Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund
Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

To be Eligible for a Capital Grant, projects must meet the following requirements:

- Lie within an ALPF Focus Area;
- Rank above average for Resilience;
- Achieve permanent protection through fee purchase of land and/or a conservation easement;
- Be stewarded to support maintaining carbon storage and ongoing sequestration;
- Meet or exceed OSI Stewardship and Conservation Easement (if relevant) Standards;
- Be spearheaded by an entity with the capacity and financial ability to execute the transaction and ensure long-term stewardship of the property; and,
- Be completed within 18 months of receiving notification of OSI’s grant award.

OSI evaluates Eligible Projects against the following Criteria:

- Amount and extent of the property that ranks above average for Resilience;
- Extent and type of Underrepresented Geophysical Settings found on the property;
- Forest carbon storage potential for 2050 is average or above relative to the Focus Area average;
- Extent, status and condition of plant and animal species and natural communities found on the property;
- Role the project plays in facilitating long range movement of plants and animals;
- Threat of conversion from forest and/or threat of significant forest carbon loss;
- Effectiveness of the stewardship plan for the long-term conservation or enhancement of the property’s climate resilience attributes and carbon storage;
- Ability to meet and/or exceed OSI’s Match Requirements; and,
- Other benefits of the project, such as flood hazard mitigation, drinking water protection and recreational access.