



Appalachian Landscapes Protection Fund Match Requirements

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OSI gives preference to projects with a 4:1 or greater match. OSI will accept a lower match for projects that are spearheaded by Black, Indigenous and People of Color-led organizations. (See FAQ for more details). OSI will also consider lower match for projects with outstanding carbon and resilience values where the applicant demonstrates other funding is not available. Please reach out to the appropriate OSI field coordinator if you feel your project falls into one of these categories.

The following qualify as matching funds:

- Public funds (federal, state, and local) and private funds
- The value, full or partial, of a donated conservation easement or bargain sale
- The value of eligible match properties (see below).
- Out of pocket acquisition costs, including appraisals, surveys, environmental assessments, title exams and insurance, forest management/stewardship plans, recording fees, transfer and real estate taxes, property carrying costs and fees for outside counsel.

The following do not qualify as matching funds:

- Land restoration and management
- Stewardship endowments
- Staff time, travel, or office expenses
- Building construction and maintenance

Match property must 1) be adjacent or proximate to the subject property, 2) meet the Fund's criteria, 3) be part of a larger plan that includes conservation of the match and subject properties, and 4) close prior to the closing of the subject property but not more than two years before date of application.