



West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund Grant Program

ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Please complete this form before completing the Grant Application in order to determine if your project is eligible for an West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund (OHCF) grant.

Name of Applicant Organization _____

PART 1

If the answer to **a** or **b** is **YES**, a project will not be eligible for grant funding by the OHCF.

- a. Does any full or partial purchase of an interest in real estate (including fee or conservation easements) in this project involve an applicant's or partner organization's staff or board member?
- Yes No
- b. Does the project involve any sale of conservation lands or other lands to outside parties, excluding non-profit organizations and government agencies, for compensation that is less than fair market value as determined in advance by a completed appraisal, or will the project occur without a completed appraisal?
- Yes No

PART 2

If any of the answers to **a** through **e** is **NO**, a project will not be eligible for a grant unless the identified issue is resolved in accordance with the OHCF **Policy on Issues That Could Make a Project Ineligible for Grant Funding found in Section 2 of the Technical Assistance Manual**. Any issue must be resolved prior to a grant being awarded.

- a. Are all of the mineral rights fully and wholly held by grantor?
- Yes No
- b. Will all of the mineral rights be fully and wholly extinguished or otherwise transferred to the land conservation entity?
- Yes No
- c. Will a clear and unambiguous, deeded right-of-way be conveyed to the land conservation entity?
- Yes No
- d. Does grantor hold clear, full, and unambiguous title?
- Yes No
- e. Has an environmental hazards assessment been completed for the project and shown that there are no potential hazards present?
- Yes No

PART 3

If any of the answers to **a** through **d** is **YES**, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that actions – as described in Section 2D of the Technical Assistance Manual – will be taken to protect these conservation values and to address the practices degrading water quality in the case of letter **d**.

- a. Are Federally listed threatened or endangered species, candidates to the federal list, or globally rare plants and animals present on the property?
 Yes No
- b. Are wetlands, caves, or globally rare NatureServe-listed natural communities present on the property?
 Yes No
- c. Is the property listed on the National Historical Register?
 Yes No
- d. Are practices that degrade water quality in a stream or aquifer recharge – such as (but not limited to) livestock having unrestricted access to a stream, on-site trash disposal, and straight-piping of untreated wastes – being implemented on the property?
 Yes No

PART 4

Please refer to Section 2 of the Technical Assistance Manual to identify actions to resolve issues identified in Parts 2 and 3 and indicate what actions your organization plans to take below.