

15G.203 Renewable fuel infrastructure program for retail motor fuel sites.

A renewable fuel infrastructure program is established in the department under the direction of the renewable fuel infrastructure board created pursuant to section 15G.202.

1. The purpose of the program is to improve retail motor fuel sites by installing, replacing, or converting motor fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure. The infrastructure must be designed and shall be used exclusively to store and dispense renewable fuel which is E-85 gasoline, biodiesel, or biodiesel blended fuel on the premises of retail motor fuel sites operated by retail dealers.
2. A person may apply to the department to receive financial incentives on a cost-share basis. The department shall forward the applications to the underground storage tank fund board as required by that board for evaluation and recommendation. The underground storage tank fund board may rank the applications with comments and shall forward them to the infrastructure board for approval or disapproval. The department shall award financial incentives on a cost-share basis to an eligible person whose application was approved by the infrastructure board.
3. To the extent practicable, the program shall be administered in conjunction with the programs provided in section 15.401.
4. The infrastructure board shall approve cost-share agreements executed by the department and persons that the infrastructure board determines are eligible as provided in this section, according to terms and conditions required by the infrastructure board. The infrastructure board shall determine the amount of the financial incentives to be awarded to a person participating in the program. In order to be eligible to participate in the program all of the following must apply:
 - a. The person must be an owner or operator of the retail motor fuel site.
 - b. The person must apply to the department in a manner and according to procedures required by the infrastructure board. The application must contain all information required by the infrastructure board and shall at least include all of the following:
 - (1) The name of the person and the address of the retail motor fuel site to be improved.
 - (2) A detailed description of the infrastructure to be installed, replaced, or converted, including but not limited to the model number of each installed, replaced, or converted motor fuel storage tank if available.
 - (3) A statement describing how the retail motor fuel site is to be improved, the total estimated cost of the planned improvement, and the date when the infrastructure will be first used to store and dispense the renewable fuel.
 - (4) A statement certifying that the infrastructure shall not be used to store or dispense motor fuel other than E-85 gasoline, biodiesel, or biodiesel blended fuel, unless granted a waiver by the infrastructure board pursuant to this section.
5. A retail motor fuel site which is improved using financial incentives must comply with federal and state standards governing new or upgraded motor fuel storage tanks used to store and dispense the renewable fuel. A site classified as a no further action site pursuant to a certificate issued by the department of natural resources under section 455B.474 shall retain its classification following modifications necessary to store and dispense the renewable fuel and the owner or operator shall not be required to perform a new site assessment unless a new release occurs or if a previously unknown or unforeseen risk condition should arise.
6. The infrastructure board shall not approve a cost-share agreement which awards financial incentives to

install, replace, or convert infrastructure associated with more than one motor fuel storage tank located at the same retail motor fuel site.

7. An award of financial incentives to a participating person shall be in the form of a grant.

In order to participate in the program an eligible person must execute a cost-share agreement with the department as approved by the infrastructure board in which the person contributes a percentage of the total costs related to improving the retail motor fuel site.

a. Except as provided in paragraph "*b*", a participating person may be awarded standard financial incentives. The standard financial incentives awarded to the participating person shall not exceed fifty percent of the actual cost of making the improvement or thirty thousand dollars, whichever is less. The infrastructure board may approve multiple awards to make improvements to a retail motor fuel site so long as the total amount of the awards does not exceed the limitations provided in this paragraph.

b. In addition to any standard financial incentives awarded to a participating person under paragraph "*a*", the participating person may be awarded supplemental financial incentives to upgrade or replace a dispenser which is part of gasoline storage and dispensing infrastructure used to store and dispense E-85 gasoline as provided in section 455G.31. The person is only eligible to receive the supplemental financial incentives if the person installed the dispenser not later than sixty days after the date of the publication in the Iowa administrative bulletin of the state fire marshal's order providing that a commercially available dispenser is listed as compatible for use with E-85 gasoline by an independent testing laboratory as provided in section 455G.31. The supplemental financial incentives awarded to the participating person shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the actual cost of making the improvement or thirty thousand dollars, whichever is less.

8. A participating person shall not use the infrastructure to store and dispense motor fuel other than the type of renewable fuel approved by the board in the cost-share agreement, unless one of the following applies:

a. The participating person is granted a waiver by the infrastructure board. The participating person shall store or dispense the motor fuel according to the terms and conditions of the waiver.

b. The renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in section 15G.205 is immediately repaid the total amount of moneys awarded to the participating person together with a monetary penalty equal to twenty-five percent of that awarded amount. The amount shall be deposited in the renewable fuel infrastructure fund created in section 15G.205.

9. A participating person who acts in violation of an agreement executed with the department pursuant to this section is subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars a day for each day of the violation. The civil penalty shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.

2006 Acts, ch 1142, §30; 2007 Acts, ch 126, §9; 2007 Acts, ch 211, §46