

21—13.20(159A) Form of award available; award amount.

13.20(1) *Form of award.* Eligible applicants may apply for financial incentives on a cost-share basis. Funding is available in the form of a grant.

13.20(2) *Timing of application.* A grant may be awarded for an eligible project not yet commenced. However, a grant for an initial application may not be submitted more than one year after the project is put in service.

13.20(3) *Amount of award.*

a. Retail site award.

(1) Cost-share agreements are subject to the terms specified in Iowa Code section 159A.14, including the duration of the financing agreement and the award amount.

(2) Supplemental award for additional infrastructure. A person may request a supplemental financial incentive for motor fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure as an amendment to the subsequent cost-share agreement(s). The purpose of an award for an additional tank(s) and associated infrastructure is to accelerate the installation of an additional motor fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure at an additional retail motor fuel site after an initial grant award is provided. Supplemental award amounts are subject to the limitations set forth in Iowa Code section 159A.14(8)“b.”

b. Terminal facility award for biodiesel B2 through B98 and B99/B100 for year-round distribution.

(1) Biodiesel fuel B2 through B98. Cost-share agreements are subject to the terms specified in Iowa Code section 159A.15, including the duration of the financing agreement and the award amount.

(2) Biodiesel fuel B99/B100 for year-round distribution. Cost-share agreements are subject to the terms and limitations specified in Iowa Code section 159A.15, including the duration of the financing agreement and the award amount.

13.20(4) *Time of payment.* The grant will be paid only upon timely completion of the project and upon the board’s receipt of records satisfying the board of the applicant’s qualifying expenditures.

a. The applicant must deliver to the board prior to payment a certificate of completion on the board’s form.

b. The certificate of completion must include the IDNR checklist completed and signed by an Iowa-certified installer showing review and approval of the completed project.

c. The certificate of completion must be accompanied by proof of financial responsibility as necessary to meet federal requirements for underground storage tank installation.

13.20(5) *Deadline for completion.* The project must be completed within eight months of the board’s approval of the award. An extension may be granted by the board upon application showing demonstrable progress toward completion.

13.20(6) *Multiple awards for multiple fuel types.*

a. At a single fuel site. A person must file a separate application form for an ethanol infrastructure improvement grant and a biodiesel infrastructure improvement grant, respectively, at a single fuel site. The board may approve multiple improvements to the same retail motor fuel site for the full amount available for ethanol infrastructure and biodiesel infrastructure. Applications for ethanol and biodiesel infrastructure improvements must be written in separate cost-share agreements.

b. At multiple fuel sites. A person may receive multiple grants as described in paragraph 13.20(6)“a” for more than one motor fuel site. When considering multiple grants for multiple fuel sites, the board will make awards fairly and properly among applicants and geographic areas.

13.20(7) *Exhaustion of funds.* In the event funding is exhausted, the board may approve remaining applications based on criteria implemented by the board.

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