

## Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Fund

### Overview

The Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program provides financial assistance to owners or operators of a retail motor fuel site or a biodiesel terminal that wish to convert their equipment to dispense and or store renewable fuels. The grants are reviewed and approved by the Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Board that has 11 voting members appointed by the Governor. The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALSS) provides administrative support to the Board.

There are three types of grants awarded.

- Infrastructure grants to store and dispense E-15 (blended fuel with 15.0% ethanol and 85% gasoline) at least for the period from September 16 through May 31 of each year.
- Retail motor fuel sites that sell E-85 (blended fuel with 85.0% ethanol and 15% gasoline) or biodiesel fuel can use grant money to install, replace, or convert motor fuel storage and dispensing infrastructure.
- Biodiesel terminal facilities that provide bulk tank storage, store and dispense biodiesel fuels, blend, store, or dispense biodiesel or biodiesel blended fuel.

Grants applicants can apply for:

- Three-year contracts for retail E-85, retail E-15, or retail biodiesel. This provides up to 50.0% cost share with a maximum award of \$30,000 per site.
- Five year contracts include:
  - Retail E-85, retail E-15, or retail biodiesel – provides up to 70.0% cost share with a maximum award of \$50,000 per site.
  - Blended biodiesel B-2 – B-98 (biodiesel terminal – provides up to 50.0% cost share with a maximum award of \$50,000 per site.
  - Blended biodiesel B-99/B-100 biodiesel terminal – provides up to 50.0% cost share with a maximum award of \$100,000 per site.
  - Blends for biodiesel are noted with the “B” stating the amount of biodiesel included. Fuel labeled B-2 has 2.0% biodiesel and B-100 is 100.0% biodiesel.

Multiple grants can be awarded at a single site up to the maximum dollars allowable. Projects must be completed eight months from the award date but the Board can approve an extension after receiving a written request from the grantee. If a project is not completed, the funds revert back to the Renewable Fuels Infrastructure Fund.

### Funding

The Program receives a quarterly transfer of \$750,000 for a total of \$3.0 million per year from the Statutory Allocation Fund of the Road Use Tax Fund. Iowa Code section [321.145](#) details the distribution of money in the Statutory Allocation Fund.

### Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [159A.11](#).

Iowa Administrative Code [21 IAC](#)

### More Information

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Renewable Fuel: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/agMarketing/IRFIP.asp>

Iowa 85 Locator: <http://www.e85locator.net/State%20Pages/IowaE85stationlocations.html>

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