

21—16.1(159A) Form of award available; award amount.

16.1(1) *Form of award.* Eligible applicants may apply for financial incentives on a cost-share basis. Funding shall be available in the form of a grant.

16.1(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.

16.1(3) *Amount of award.*

a. Retail award site.

(1) Five-year cost-share agreement for a retail site.

1. For a tier I site, the maximum award amount is 90 percent of the actual cost of making the improvement or \$63,900, whichever is less.

2. For a tier II site, the maximum award amount is 75 percent of the actual cost of making the improvement or \$53,250, whichever is less.

3. For a tier III site, the maximum award amount is 70 percent of the actual cost of making the improvements or \$50,000, whichever is less.

(2) Supplemental award for additional tank and associated infrastructure. A person may request a supplemental financial incentive for a tank and associated 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 tank(s) and associated infrastructure at an additional retail motor fuel site after an initial grant award is provided. The maximum award amount available as a supplemental financial incentive is \$6,000 per supplemental site. The person is limited to four supplemental financial incentive awards within the 12-month period following the completion of the initial retail motor fuel site project.

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

(1) Biodiesel fuel B2 through B98.

1. Duration. The duration of the cost-share agreement shall be five years.

2. Maximum award. The maximum award amount is 50 percent of the actual cost of making the improvements or \$50,000, whichever is less.

(2) Biodiesel fuel B99/B100 for year-round distribution.

1. Duration. The duration of a cost-share agreement is five years.

2. Maximum award amount. The maximum award amount is 50 percent of the actual cost of making the improvements or \$100,000, whichever is less.

3. Lifetime cap amount. The maximum or lifetime cap for B99/B100 biodiesel terminal grants is \$800,000 per person.

16.1(4) *Time of payment.* The grant shall 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.

16.1(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.

16.1(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 16.1(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.

16.1(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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