

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program Grant Application

The Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program (RFIP) is designed to increase availability of high ethanol blends to motorists in Nebraska. RFIP is administered by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) in partnership with Green Plains, Inc. (GP). Representatives from the Nebraska Corn Board, the Nebraska Ethanol Board and Renewable Fuels Nebraska serve on an advisory group. Grant funds from the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) will be awarded to selected retail fueling stations to reimburse the cost of installing or converting qualified equipment to encourage expanded use of higher blends of ethanol in Nebraska.

On May 8, 2019, Governor Pete Ricketts signed into the Legislative Bill 585 and created the *Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program*. The terms of RFIP have been established through LB 585 and the 2020 grant agreement between NDEE/GP and NET. Retailers awarded grants must enter into a Retailer Agreement setting the requirements for reimbursement of eligible costs related to converting or installing qualified fuel dispensers and tanks upon completion of upgrades. The Retailer Agreement will include a 3-year or 5-year commitment to sell ethanol fuels, to promote ethanol blends on station signage, and to provide periodic reports regarding volumes and prices of ethanol blends sold. Retailers also must comply with all other federal, state, and local regulations applicable to the construction and operation of the project.

Awarded projects must satisfy the following requirements to receive grant funds for reimbursement of eligible project costs:

- Retailer/Sub-Grantee Agreement signed by retailer and RFIP;
- Completed Project Reimbursement Request Form with receipts and paid invoices;
- Evidence of final inspection & certification by the State Fire Marshal on the dispenser/tank; and
- Photographs of the final installation must be included in the equipment reimbursement request.

RFIP program instructions DO NOT ALLOW payment of costs for equipment purchased or infrastructure constructed PRIOR TO APPROVAL of grant award.

Completed applications should be emailed to:

NDEQ.Records@nebraska.gov
Attention: Ed Holbrook

Fax: (402) 471-2909

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program Grant Application — Applicant Information and Project Description

Applicant Name			
Contact Name and Title*			
*Is the contact person above authorized to obligate the business? Yes No (If no, please provide the name and title of a company officer authorized to obligate the business in Additional Contact Info below.)			
Today's Date		Federal Identification Number (FEIN)	
Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone Number		Fax Number	
Email			
Station Name*			
* If different from the Applicant Name		Federal Identification Number (FEIN)	
Contact Person and Title*			
Station Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone Number		Fax Number	
Email			
<i>If application for equipment at multiple sites, include separate continuation pages with location and contact information</i>			
Additional Contact Info		<i>(Include any additional contact information if different than above.)</i>	
Contact Name			
Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone Number			
Email			
Project Description		<i>(Please describe the proposed project. If more space in needed, attach a separate sheet.)</i>	
This application applies to:		Update Existing Site	
(check one)		New Construction	
Planned Start Date _____		Planned Completion Date _____	
Project Narrative: <i>Describe project locations, current & planned dispensers, equipment vendors contacted, and other relevant facts.</i>			
Prior Grant Information		<i>(With regard to prior Flex Fuel Grants and other Nebraska grant programs)</i>	
Has the applicant received grant funds for this project location previously? No Yes <i>(If yes, complete the rows below.)</i>			
Grantor		Facility Location	
Date Awarded		Award Amount	

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program Grant Application — Equipment Request

All awarded grants are subject to the terms and limitations of the Nebraska Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program as established in LB 585 of the Nebraska Legislature as approved by the Governor:

An award shall not exceed:

- **Fifty percent (50%) of the estimated cost of the improvement or thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), whichever is less, for a three-year (3) cost-share agreement, or**
- **Seventy percent (70%) of the estimated costs of making the improvement or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), whichever is less, for a five-year (5) cost-share agreement.**

Equipment Cost Limits

	Average Cost (All locations)	Maximum Cost (Any individual dispenser/tank)
Retrofit Existing E15/E25 Dispensers	\$15,000 per dispenser	\$15,000 per dispenser
New E15/E25 Dispensers	\$25,000 per dispenser	\$25,000 per dispenser
Dedicated E85 Dispensers	\$25,000 per dispenser	\$30,000 per dispenser
Blender Dispensers	\$30,000 per dispenser	\$50,000 per dispenser
Storage Tanks	\$30,000 per tank	\$50,000 per tank

To maximize use of grant funds, projects will be evaluated and scored based on equipment cost, up to above-stated maximum costs. Equipment costs in excess of maximums, and other costs ineligible for reimbursement under program terms, **must be paid** by retailer, but will be scored as retailer contribution described below.

Equipment Cost Estimate*	Total Number	Average Cost	Total RFIP Eligible Cost	Total Ineligible Cost	Total Cost
Retrofit Existing E15/E25 Dispensers					
New E15/E25 Dispensers					
Dedicated E85 Dispensers					
Blender Pump/Dispensers					
Storage Tanks					
Total Dispensers**		n/a			
Total Tanks***		n/a			
Total Stations		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

* Cost estimate for application must be based on vendor quote or other good faith estimate of cost.
 ** Dispenser cost includes hanging hardware, piping, and installation costs.
 ***Tank cost includes cost of tank, piping if not included with dispenser, and installation.

RFIP program terms requires that the retail fuel site applicant must provide a minimum of \$1 for \$1 match. Applications will be scored based on retailer contribution, including ineligible costs, and following the commitments for ethanol-related sales and marketing, and other site specific costs not eligible for reimbursement under RFIP program terms. Commitments from applicant for a portion of eligible costs will improve application scoring.

Cost/Contribution Summary*	Total Costs	Total RFIP Grant Request	Total Applicant / Other Sources
Total for Dispensers and Tanks (RFIP eligible costs)			
Total for Dispensers and Tanks (costs above RFIP maximum)		n/a	
Total engineering and site preparation		n/a	
Marketing Costs		n/a	
Other Costs**		n/a	
Total Project Cost			
Percent of Project Costs	n/a		

*Cost Summary above should include costs for all sites proposed under location. If multiple locations, attach additional pages with site specific costs including eligible and ineligible costs for dispensers and tanks, and engineering and site preparation.

** Other costs would include administrative overhead involved in implementing the project at your site not to exceed 5%

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program Grant Application — Station Location/Volume Information

To comply with RFIP objectives and requirements, projects will be evaluated and scored based on potential for increased ethanol sales and improved ethanol infrastructure for added availability of E-15, E-85, and other high-ethanol blends. Applications will be scored on the information supplied below for each station location (complete additional copies for each additional location). Categories will be scored on the prioritization set forth in program criteria provided in LB 585 of the Nebraska Legislature.

1. Station Location:

- a. City or town station located in _____
- b. Population of city or town station located in _____
- c. Population of county station located in _____

2. Market Area

- a. Proximity to city or cities over 20,000 pop. _____miles
- b. Proximity to I-80 _____miles
- c. Proximity to four-lane Nebraska Highway _____miles
- d. Proximity to Intersection of two Nebraska Highways _____miles

3. Station Volume / Traffic

- a. Total gasoline volume sold annually at station location _____
- b. Dept. of Roads Traffic #s for closest two highways or major
 - i. Highway/Street _____ Traffic #s _____
 - ii. Highway/Street _____ Traffic #s _____
- c. Number of competing fueling stations within 25 mile radius:
(If in a larger community, provide competing fueling stations within distance considered market area of _____mile radius.) _____

4. Ethanol Availability

- a. Current ethanol products at the proposed site:
 - i. E85 (% of 2014 total volume sold) YES NO _____
 - ii. E15 (% of 2014 total volume sold) YES NO _____
 - iii. E10 (% of 2014 total volume sold) YES NO _____
- b. Number of fueling sites within 25 mile radius that offer:
 - i. E85 _____
 - ii. E15/E25 _____

5. Ethanol Marketing / Promotion

- a. Check type of ethanol marketing / promotion previously (if ethanol offered) and planned:

	<u>Current / Within past 12 months</u>		<u>Planned/Part of Project</u>	
i. Print	YES	NO	YES	NO
ii. advertising	YES	NO	YES	NO
iii. Radio	YES	NO	YES	NO
iv. Digital	YES	NO	YES	NO
v. Billboard	YES	NO	YES	NO
vi. TV	YES	NO	YES	NO

- b. Pricing signage at site for ethanol fuels (current if offered and planned as part of project):

	<u>Current / Within past 12 months</u>		<u>Planned/Part of Project</u>	
i. E85 Prices	YES	NO	YES	NO
ii. E15 Prices	YES	NO	YES	NO
iii. E10 Prices	YES	NO	YES	NO

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I hereby certify that all statements and representations made and data furnished to the NDEE related to this RFIP application are true and correct in all material respects. I also certify that the renewable fuel infrastructure presented in this application will not be used to store or dispense motor fuel other than E85 fuel or other ethanol blended fuels.

Name and Title (typed or

Date

Signature