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Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program

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Assistance Listing

Popular Name

HBIIIP

Sub-tier

RURAL BUSINESS COOPERATIVE SERVICE

Assistance Listing Number

10.754

Related Federal Assistance

Not Applicable.

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Overview

Objectives

The Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) is a new program that will expand the availability of domestic ethanol and biodiesel by incentivizing the expansion of sales of renewable fuels. To accompany the program, a new online grant application system has been developed to be used in applying for participation in the HBIIIP grant program. The HBIIIP grant program includes infrastructure projects for fueling station companies and fuel distribution facility companies.

Examples of Funded Projects

Fiscal Year 2024: \$1,200,000 was provided to help offset the costs of installing 3 new fuel dispensers and one new ethanol storage tank. The project will allow the sale of ethanol blended gasoline.

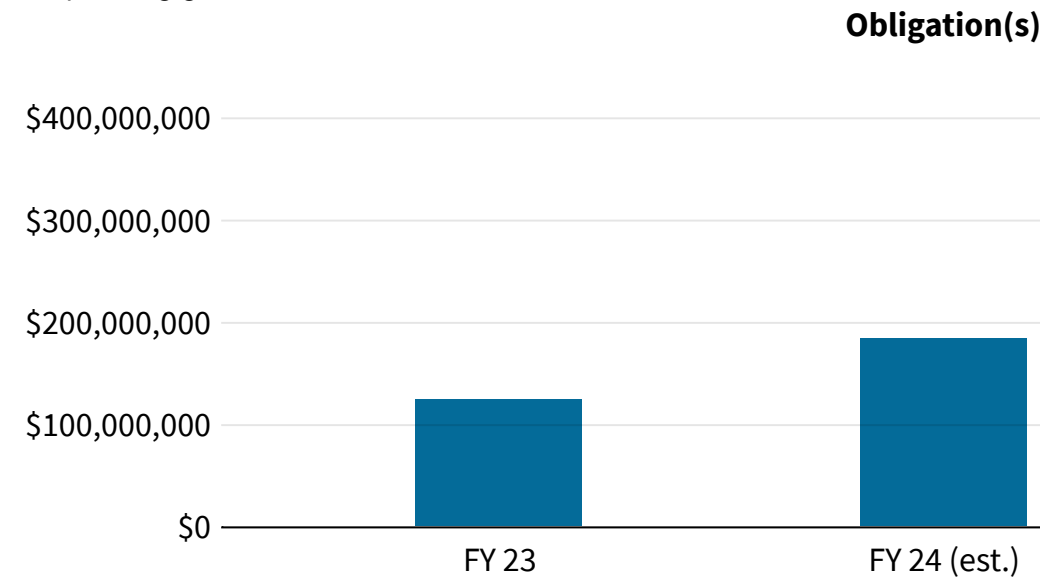
Assistance Listing Description

Under the HBIIIP, funds will be awarded to assist transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities to convert their facilities through upgrade or installation of equipment required to ensure all equipment is fully compatible with higher blends of ethanol (i.e., greater than 10 percent ethanol) and biodiesel (greater than 5 percent biodiesel) (HB fuel). The program will share the costs related to the upgrading of fuel dispensers (gas and diesel pumps) and attached equipment, underground storage tank system components (which includes but is not limited to tanks, pumps, ancillary equipment, lines, gaskets, and sealants), and other infrastructure required at a location to ensure the environmentally safe availability of fuel containing ethanol blends greater than 10 percent or fuel containing biodiesel blends greater than 5 percent.

Authorizations

Financial Information

These funding amounts do not reflect the award amounts that are displayed on [USASpending.gov](#)



Obligation(s)	FY 23	FY 24 (est.)	FY 25 (est.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Project Grants			
Total	\$124,185,309	\$183,752,556	\$401,192,057.5
Totals	\$124,185,309	\$183,752,556	\$401,192,057.5

Range and Average of Financial Assistance

Max grant amount is \$5 million.

Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2024: \$2,000,000 grant funding for offsetting the cost installation, retrofitting, or replacement of fuel infrastructure related to higher blends of ethanol, greater than 10 percent ethanol, and/or biodiesel, greater than 5 percent biodiesel (primarily fuel dispensers and/or fuel storage tanks).

Account Identification

Criteria for Applying

Types of Assistance

B - Project Grants

Credentials and Documentation

An eligible project must conform to all applicable Federal, State, Tribal and local regulatory requirements pertaining to: (1) Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks (UST), 40 CFR parts 280 and 281; (2) Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives, 40 CFR part 80; (3) Occupational Safety and Health Standards Subpart H—Hazardous Start Printed Page 26659Materials Section 106—Flammable Liquids, 29 CFR 1910.106; (4) Safety and Health Regulations for Construction Subpart F—Fire Protection and Prevention Section 152—Flammable Liquids, 29 CFR 1926.152; and (5) Automotive Fuel Ratings, Certification, and Posting, 16 CFR part 306. 2 CFR 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles applies to this program.

Applicant Eligibility

Designations

Individual/Family, Minority group, Small business (less than 500 employees), Profit organization, Other public institution/organization

Owners of transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities located in the United States and its territories may apply for this program. Eligible entities would include—fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket retailer fueling stations, fleet facilities, and similar entities with equivalent capital investments, as well as fuel/biodiesel terminal operations, midstream partners, and heating oil distribution facilities or equivalent entities. Applicants must include all proposed activity under a single application.

Beneficiary Eligibility

Designations

Beneficiary eligibility is the same as applicant eligibility.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance

Not applicable. Method of awarding/releasing assistance:

Use of Assistance

Designations

Business/Commerce, Transportation, Public Works

Under the HBIIP, funds will be awarded to assist transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities to convert their facilities through upgrade or installation of equipment required to ensure all equipment is fully compatible with higher blends of ethanol (i.e., greater than 10 percent ethanol) and biodiesel (greater than 5 percent biodiesel) (HB fuel). The program will share the costs related to the upgrading of fuel dispensers (gas and diesel pumps) and attached equipment, underground storage tank system components (which includes but is not limited to tanks, pumps, ancillary equipment, lines, gaskets, and sealants), and other infrastructure required at a location to ensure the environmentally safe availability of fuel containing ethanol blends greater than 10 percent or fuel containing biodiesel blends greater than 5 percent. Funds are to assist owners of transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities located in the USA. Owners or operators who store regulated substances that contain more than 20 percent biodiesel or more than 10 percent ethanol, such as 15 percent ethanol or E15, must notify their implementing agency 30 days before storing the fuel. Owners and operators must also keep records demonstrating that their UST system is compatible with the substance stored. Under HBIIP up to \$100 million is made available to eligible participants. Of the total amount of available funds, approximately \$86 million will be made available to transportation fueling facilities (including fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet facilities, and similar entities with capital investments) for eligible implementation activities related to higher blends of fuel ethanol greater than 10 percent ethanol, such as E15 or higher; and approximately \$14 million will

be made available to transportation fueling facilities and fuel distribution facilities (including terminal operations, depots, and midstream partners), for eligible implementation activities related to higher blends of biodiesel. Grants for up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs, but not more than \$5 million greater than 5 percent biodiesel, such as B20 or higher. Grants for up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs, but not more than \$5 million per applicant. Only one application per applicant.

Applying for Assistance

Deadlines

CLOSED -ROUND 2 WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Preapplication Coordination

Preapplication coordination is required. Environmental impact information is not required for this program. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

Application Procedures

2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards applies to this program.

Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for this listing will be posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Criteria for Selecting Proposals

Not Applicable.

Award Procedure

HBIIIP grants will be administered in accordance with Departmental Regulations, and as otherwise specified in this Notice. Applicants selected for funding, will receive a signed notice of Federal award containing instructions on requirements necessary to proceed with execution and performance of the award. Applicants not selected for funding will be notified in writing and informed of any review and appeal rights. Awards to successfully appealed applications will be limited to available funding.

Date Range for Approval/Disapproval

From 60 to 90 days.

Renewals

Not Applicable.

Appeals

From 30 to 60 days. Appeal process will be outlined on time of denial.

Compliance Requirements

Policy Requirements

The following 2CFR policy requirements apply to this assistance listing:

Subpart B, General provisions

Subpart C, Pre-Federal Award Requirements and Contents of Federal Awards

Subpart D, Post Federal; Award Requirements

Subpart E, Cost Principles

Subpart F, Audit Requirements

The following 2CFR policy requirements are excluded from coverage under this assistance listing:

Not Applicable

Additional Information:

Reports

Program Reports: Performance reporting will be on an annual basis for a period of 5 years post construction. The construction period is to be completed within 18 months of the execution of the grant agreement.

Cash Reports: Financial reporting is require two times per fiscal year during the construction period, following the execution of the grant agreement.

Progress Reports: Financial reporting is require two times per fiscal year during the construction period, following the execution of the grant agreement. During the construction period, a performance report for construction progress will also be required. Following completion of construction, performance reporting is required for a period of 5 years.

Expenditure Reports: Expenditure reports are required during the construction period of the grant award, which is 18 months from the date of the full execution of the grant agreement.

Audits

Refer to the link below for 2 CFR Subpart F Audit Requirements.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-F>

Records

Owners or operators who store regulated substances that contain more than 20 percent biodiesel or more than 10 percent ethanol, such as 15 percent ethanol or E15, must notify their implementing agency 30 days before storing the fuel. Owners and operators must also keep records demonstrating that their UST system is compatible with the substance stored. Point of sales information records for a period of 5 years will need to remain available following the completion of construction that is to occur within 18 months following the full execution of the grant agreement.

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature

Not Applicable.

Formula and Matching Requirements

Statutory formula is not applicable to this assistance listing.

Matching Requirements: Percent: 10 Those project funds required to receive an HBIIP grant. The applicant is responsible for securing the remainder of the total eligible project costs not covered by grant funds. Matching funds are comprised of eligible in-kind contributions from third parties and/or cash. In-kind contributions by the applicant cannot be used to meet the matching fund requirement. Written commitments for matching funds (e.g., Letters of Commitment and bank statements) must be submitted with the Certification of Matching Funds when the application is submitted. Funds provided by the applicant in excess of matching funds are not matching funds. Unless authorized by statute, other Federal grant funds cannot be used to meet a matching funds requirement. Passive third-party equity contributions are acceptable for HBIIP projects, including equity raised from the sale of Federal tax credits. In the event of ineligible, overstated, or otherwise unsubstantiated claims in the Certification of Matching Funds, the Agency reserves the right to adjust an application's grant request such that it is commensurate with eligible/actual Matching Funds, or take otherwise action as deemed appropriate. Up to 10 percent of an applicant's Matching Funds requirement (up to five percent of total project costs) may be used to pay consumer education and/or marketing and/or signage related expenses. HBIIP grant funds awarded to transportation fueling stations are intended to assist with converting those facilities to ensure full compatibility with HB fuel through upgrade or installation of fuel dispensers, related equipment, and infrastructure. And while the contributions of consumer education and/or marketing and/or signage toward a fuel station's fuel sales are well recognized, a very tall sign to display fuel prices does not in any way assist a facility with higher blends compatibility. Therefore, the Agency determined that while HBIIP grant funds may not be used for consumer education and/or marketing and/or signage.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this assistance listing.

Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs)

Domestic Assistance Program that uses Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA):

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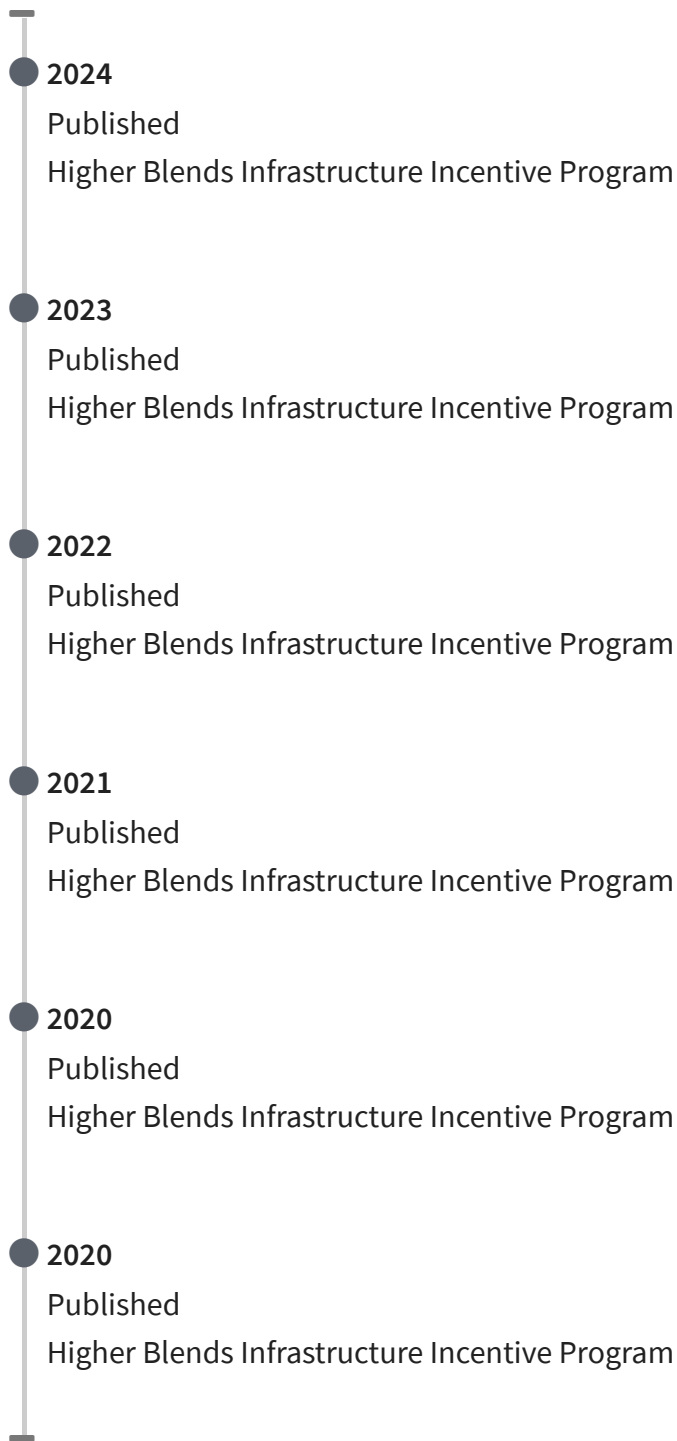
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