

Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Questions and Answers

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I previously received a grant under the RFI Program for an E85 or biodiesel dispenser installation. With a five-year contract, I would be eligible for a larger grant under the program limits. Can I submit for additional grant money?

No. The law clearly forbids additional grants being made for infrastructure covered under an existing cost-share agreement.

My retail infrastructure grant was for 50% of the cost up to \$30,000. Do I now have a three-year contract?

No. Existing contracts are not changed by the implementation of the new law.

I received funding capped at \$30,000 for both an E85 dispenser and a biodiesel dispenser at the same retail site. Given the new rules, am I eligible for additional funds?

No. Both the E85 and biodiesel infrastructure was covered under an existing contract.

I want to add E85 dispenser to my retail site where I previously received a grant for adding a biodiesel dispenser. Am I eligible?

Yes. The new E85 infrastructure would be eligible for a new cost-share agreement at the same site. The grant amount would be based on the new terms and would not be limited by the money previously granted for the biodiesel infrastructure.

I added a biodiesel dispenser to my retail site within the last 12 months. Can I receive the bonus grant for adding E85 dispenser to the same site?

No. Bonus grants go to "additional" sites other than the site of the original cost-share agreement. However, you would be eligible for an E85 cost-share agreement at this same site under the new rules.

I received a grant for a dedicated E85 dispenser at my retail site. Can I replace it with a blender pump and receive funding.

Yes, if the blender pump is UL certified, there is a supplemental financial incentive for upgrading and replacing a non-UL approved dispenser with an UL certified equipment. The upgrade does not specify the type of pump required. A blender pump would have to offer E85 as an option to qualify.

Yes, if you have room under the site cap for E85 infrastructure. The RFI Board has the authority to make multiple cost-share agreements with the same retail site.

I received a grant to add an E85 (or biodiesel) dispenser at one site a number of months ago. What am I eligible for if I add an E85 (or biodiesel) dispenser to another retail site that I own?

At the new site you would be eligible for a grant up to either \$30,000 or \$50,000 depending on the length of contract you choose. You would also be eligible for a \$6,000 multi-site incentive (up to 4 sites @ \$6,000 within a 12 month following the completion of your new site).

Once the UL certified E85 dispenser is on the market can I replace my existing E85 dispenser with a blender pump and receive additional funding?

Yes, if the blender pump is UL certified. The supplemental financial incentives for upgrading and replacing non-UL approved dispenser with an UL certified equipment does not specify the type of pump required. A blender pump would have to offer E85 as an option to qualify.

I previously received a grant for a biodiesel tank wagon. Can I receive a grant for another biodiesel tank wagon if I apply by December 31, 2008?

No. The new law eliminates tank wagons from eligibility in the retail infrastructure program as of December 31, 2008 but does provide for an exemption for one E85 and one biodiesel tank wagon if the application is received prior to December 31, 2008. You have already received a biodiesel tank wagon grant, thereby using your exemption. You could apply for an E85 tank wagon if the application is received by December 31, 2008.

What is the contract length for the B2-B98 or the B99-B100 biodiesel terminal grant program?

The existing five-year contract rule applies.

I received a \$50,000 grant to install a B2 storage tank at my tank farm. Can I receive additional funds to upgrade it to a B99-B100 heated tank for biodiesel blending?

Yes, after January 1, 2009. Only the new expenditure would qualify and the total amount of all grants for the site under the multiple cost-share agreements could not exceed \$100,000. This assumes you will use the upgrade infrastructure to store, blend and dispense B99-B100 the year around.

I previously received a \$50,000 grant to install a heated tank to store, blend and dispense B99. Am I eligible for a new grant?

No. If you do not add new qualifying infrastructure, the existing cost-share agreement applies.

I want to add a heated biodiesel tank to store, blend and dispense B99-B100. When can I apply for a grant?

You can apply any time. If you apply in 2008, your grant amount would be capped at \$50,000. If you apply after January 1, 2009, you would be eligible for up to \$100,000 for year around dispensing.