



Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) Orientation and Enrollment

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HBIP Orientation and Enrollment *Agenda*

- Opening Remarks
- Webinar housekeeping
- Orientation
- Enrollment
- Important Dates
- Questions



Overview

Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)

What does this program do?

The purpose of the HBIIP is to **increase significantly** the sales and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel,

by **expanding the infrastructure** for renewable fuels derived from U.S. agricultural products.

Who may apply?

Owners of –

Transportation fueling facilities:

Fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet facilities, and similar entities with capital investments;

Fuel distribution facilities:

Terminal operations, depots, midstream partners, and similarly equivalent operations.



HBIP Overview (continued)

What funding is available?

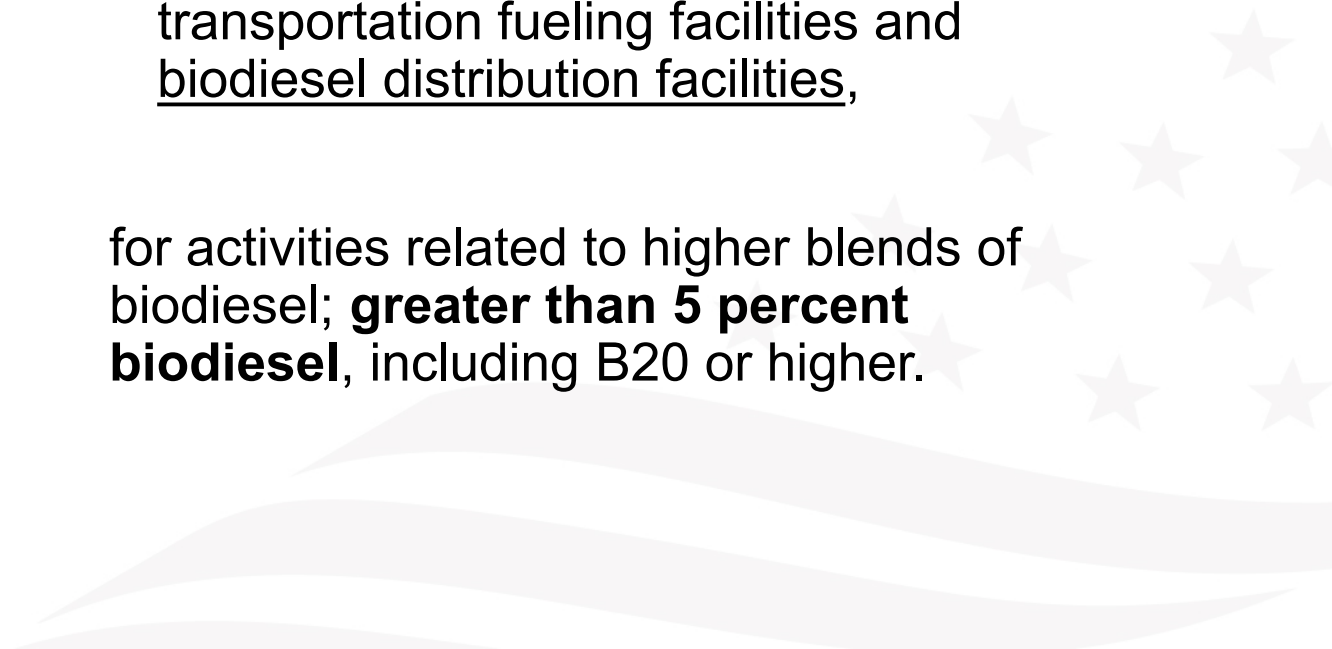
Up to **\$100 million** is available to eligible participants/owners:

- Approximately **\$86 million** is available to transportation fueling facilities,

for activities related to higher blends of fuel ethanol; **greater than 10 percent ethanol**, including E15 and E85.

- Approximately **\$14 million** is available to transportation fueling facilities and biodiesel distribution facilities,

for activities related to higher blends of biodiesel; **greater than 5 percent biodiesel**, including B20 or higher.





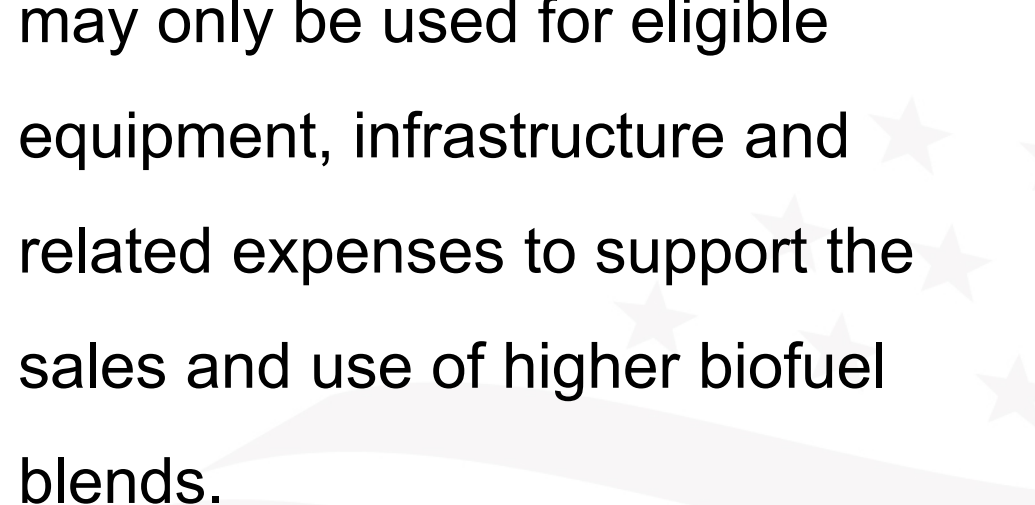
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What are the terms?

Grants for up to, 50 percent of *total eligible project costs*, but not to exceed \$5 million, whichever is less.

How must funds be used?

Funds made available under HBIIP may only be used for eligible equipment, infrastructure and related expenses to support the sales and use of higher biofuel blends.



HBIIP Overview (continued)

Eligible Project Costs:

- Incurred during **Grant Period**;
- Purchase, installation, and/or retrofitting of fuel dispensers related equipment and infrastructure to support HB fuel sales;
- Construction, replacement, improvements;
- Fees – construction permits, and licenses;
- Professional service fees.

Grant Period

The period that extends from the *effective date* – the Execution of the Grant Agreement, through the *expiration date*.

The HBIIP **Grant Period** is not to exceed 18-months, unless otherwise specified in the Grant Agreement or agreed to by the Agency.

HBIP Overview (continued)

Grant Period

The Grant Period begins with Execution of the Grant Agreement.

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When can I start ordering equipment and scheduling contractors?

Now! But remember,

costs incurred prior to Execution of the Grant Agreement are not eligible project costs.

Award Announcements, Obligations, Grant Executions are expected to begin in September.

Matching Funds

There is a **Matching Funds** (cost sharing) requirement of at least \$1 for every \$1 in grant funds provided.

Estimated Funding:	Cash	In-kind value	All
Federal		In-kind value	
Applicant			
State			
Local			
Other			
TOTAL			

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TOTAL			

- Arrangements with private entities
- Commercial vendors of fuels
- Agricultural commodity/renewable fuel promotional organizations
- State-led programs and private sector efforts

Matching Funds:

- Required to receive HBIIP grant
- Secured by applicant
- Remainder – All eligible project costs not covered by Grant funds
- Consist of **CASH** and In-kind contributions
- No in-kind from applicants
- Must have written commitments – Bank statements for cash, Letters of Commitment for in-kind
- Not from Other Federal grants
- Passive tax equity contributions allowed



Targeted Assistance Goal

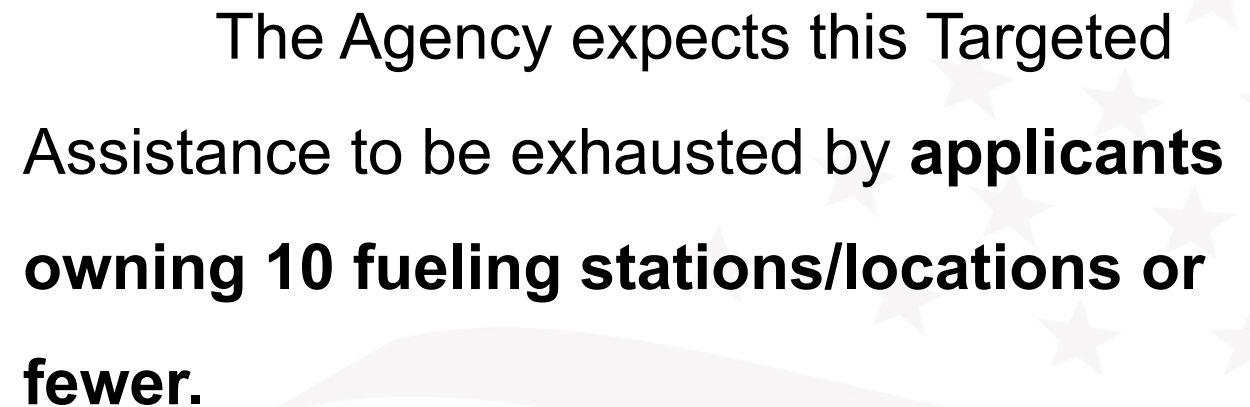
A Targeted Assistance

Goal is established for applicants owning the fewest number of transportation fueling stations (and owning at least one).

40 percent of funds are available,

For activities/investments involving transportation fueling facilities.

The Agency expects this Targeted Assistance to be exhausted by **applicants owning 10 fueling stations/locations or fewer.**



Consideration for Geographical Diversity

A Consideration for Geographical

Diversity is afforded to

Transportation fueling station owners based on the location of the proposed facilities.

- Interstate Corridor
- Sole Station
- Western States
- New England States

Number of Awards

- The number of awards will depend on the number of eligible participants and the total amount of requested funds.
- In the unlikely event that every successful applicant is awarded the maximum amount available of \$5 million, 20 awards will be made.
- We intend to make **approximately 150 awards** and provide assistance **to 1,500 locations** from this solicitation.

HBIP Overview (continued)

Sounds great!

How do we get started?

- 1) <https://rd.usda.gov/hbiip>; Click the **“Overview”** button;
- 2) Click the **“To Apply”** tab;
- 3) Open the Checklist.

To Apply

Application Checklist

Important Documents

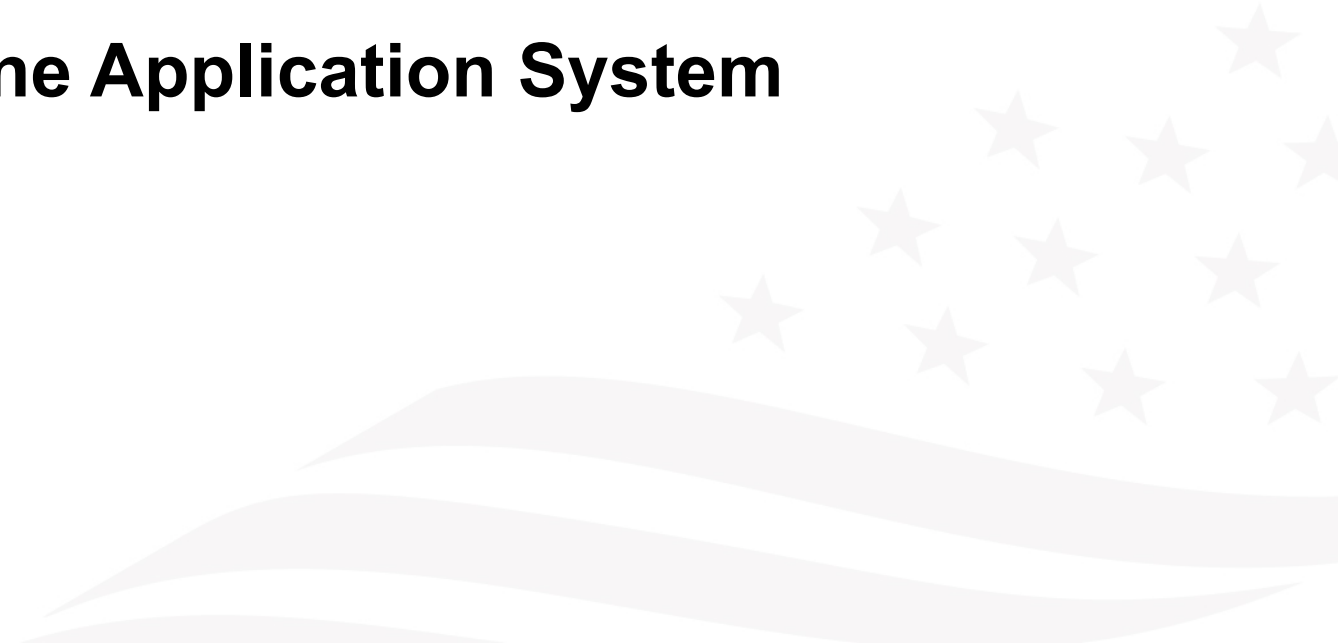
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Enrollment



HBIP Enrollment

- **USDA E-Authentication, SAM CAGE code, DUNS/UEI, TIN**
- **Requesting access to the Online Application System**
- **Obtaining access to the Online Application System**



HBIP Enrollment

- A Dun and Bradstreet Universal Numbering System (DUNS)/Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at

1-866-705-5711

or online at

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

- Register the DUNS/UEI# at www.sam.gov. Include the CAGE code & expiration date.

- Create a USDA E-Authentication Customer Account, <https://www.eauth.usda.gov>.

Level 2 access is required/recommended.

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Request to Participate

HBIIP Company/Account and User Creation Request

Request Type

1. Create Company Account only

2. Create User Account only

3. Create both Company Account and User Account

Company Information

Company Legal Name

Company TIN

DUNS/EUI Number

SAM/CAGE Code

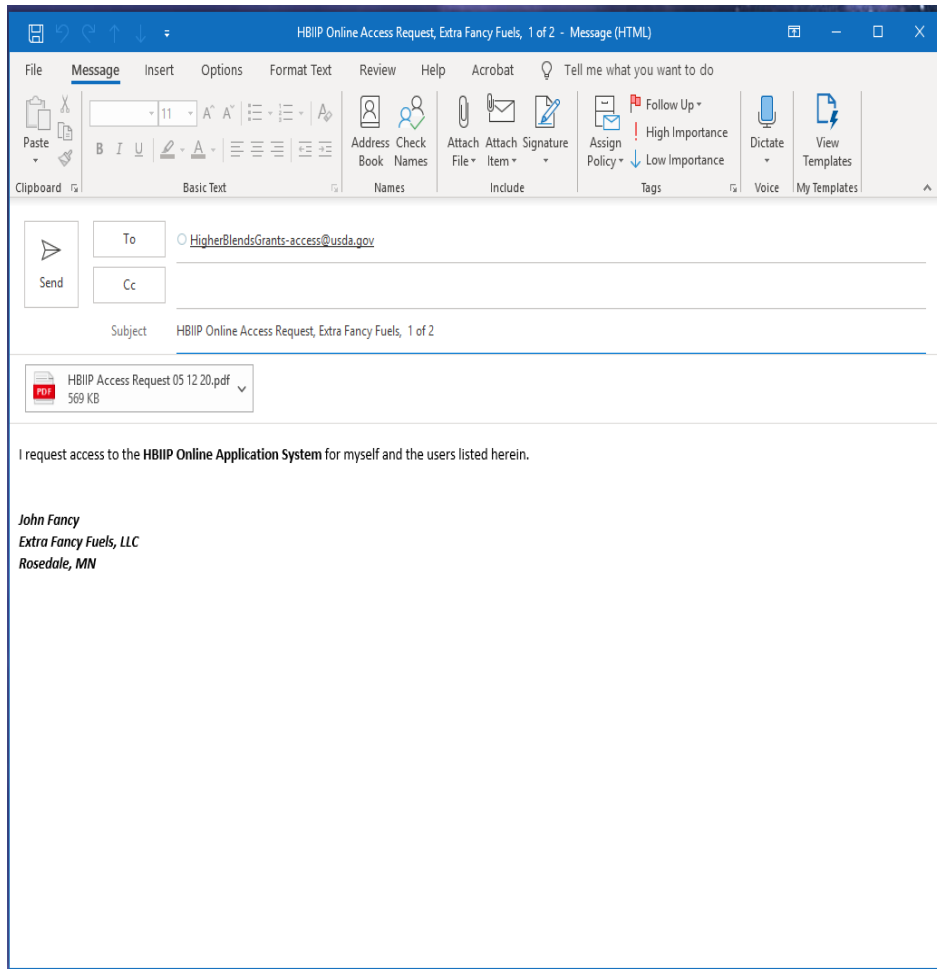
Applicant Type (Select One)

Authorized User Information

	Last Name	First Name	Email	eAuth ID	Company TIN	Company DUNS Code	Company SAM/CAGE Code
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							
7.							
8.							
9.							
10.							

- Select: Create both Company Account and User Account.
- Company's Legal Name
- Company TIN
- DUNS/UEI Number
- SAM CAGE code
- **Applicant Type (Select One):**
 - Owner of 10 fueling stations or fewer
 - Owner of greater than 10 fueling stations
 - Fleet facility
 - Fuel Distribution Facility

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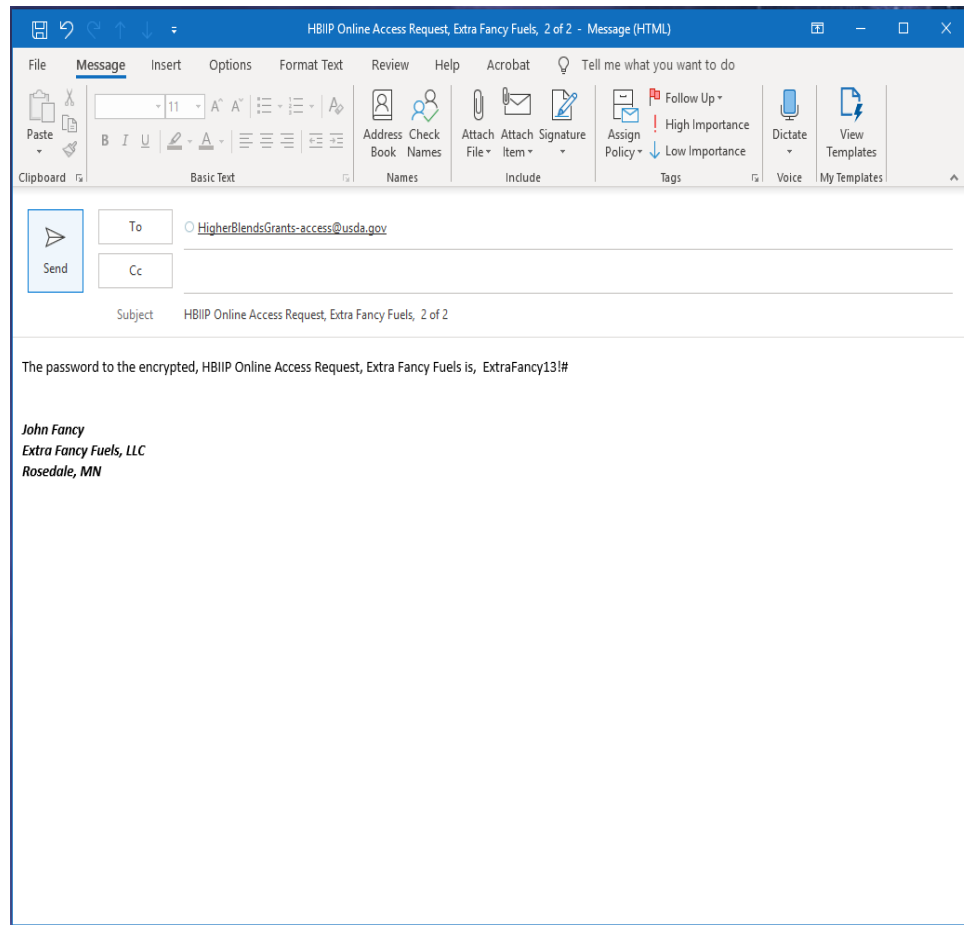


To request access to *HBIP Online Application System*:

1. Send an Email attached with a completed and encrypted HBIP Online Access Request to, HigherBlendsGrants-access@usda.gov

Please allow at least 2 business days to process your request.

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2. Send second email immediately with encryption password

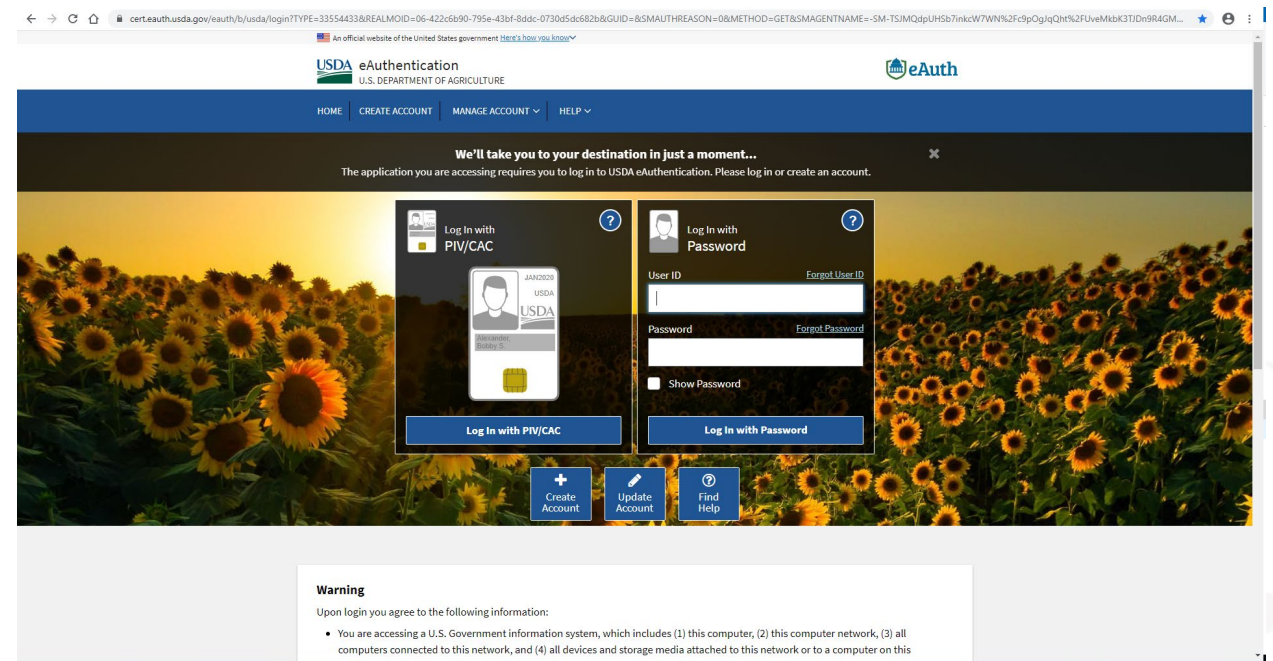
Obtaining access to the Online Application System

- Upon approval, a Company's authorized/rightful users will each receive an email from, RD.AdminAppsSupport@usda.gov with,

A URL and instructions to access the system.

Copy the URL and paste it into the address bar of a **Google Chrome** internet browser and hit enter.

Bookmark the URL for future use.



May 15, 2020

- The **HBIP Online Application System (OAS)** is scheduled for delivery Friday, May 15, 2020, at which time;
- A **Solicitation of Applications** to announce officially the beginning and ending dates of the 90-day HBIP application window will be published in the *Federal Register*.

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Open the HBIIP Users Guide



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Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)

Online Grant Application Instruction Guide

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Plan your work. Work your plan!

The average time to complete the HBIIIP application is estimated at 78 hours; much less of course for “Owners of 10 stations or fewer.”

You may also begin reviewing/completing these necessary application elements while you await access:

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Important Dates

What's Next?



What's next?

- Accept Enrollment Requests, 5/13/20
- HBIIP Application Window Opens, 5/15/20 (anticipated);
 - HBIIP Online Application System Goes Live!
- Training Webinars – See **Events** tab
 - Fueling Station and Fleet Facility Emphasis, Tuesday, 5/19/20, 2pm EDT
 - Fuel Distribution Facility Emphasis, Tuesday, 5/26/20, 2pm EDT
 - HBIIP Applicants and Stakeholders Check in, Tuesday, 6/2/20, 2pm EDT
 - Topics TBD, Tuesday, TBD, 2pm EDT
- HBIIP Application Window Closes, 8/12/20 (on or about), 11:59pm EDT;
 - HBIIP Applications No Longer Accepted; Submit button unavailable.

What's next?

Application Processing

August:

- Agency Review for Eligibility and Completeness
- Evaluation Panel and Competition

September:

- Selection, Written Communication to All Participants
- Public Announcement of Awards/Obligation
- Grant Agreement/Contracts Execution
- Project Executions



Questions

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A recording of this Webinar, “HBIIIP Orientation and Enrollment” with Q&A Document is available,
<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/higher-blends-infrastructure-incentive-program>

Click the **Events** tab

Important Milestones

- **April 2017** – President Trump established [Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#)
- **January 2018** – Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force’s findings to President Trump; 31 recommendations including “[increasing investments in innovative tools such as renewable fuels.](#)”
- **January 2020** – The USDA requests public input to help with the creation of the [Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program \(HBIIP\)](#)
- **February 2020** – Secretary Perdue announces **New Innovation Initiative** and his intentions to make available [\\$100 million in competitive grants](#) for infrastructure projects to facilitate increased sales of higher biofuel blends through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP).
- **Also Feb. 2020** – USDA convenes a Federal Interagency Task Force of experts.
- **May 5, 2020** – USDA publishes **Notice of Funds Availability** for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) for Fiscal Year 2020.
- **May (forthcoming)** -- **Solicitation of Applications** for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) for Fiscal Year 2020.