



Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)
Transportation Fueling Facility Applicant Deep Dive

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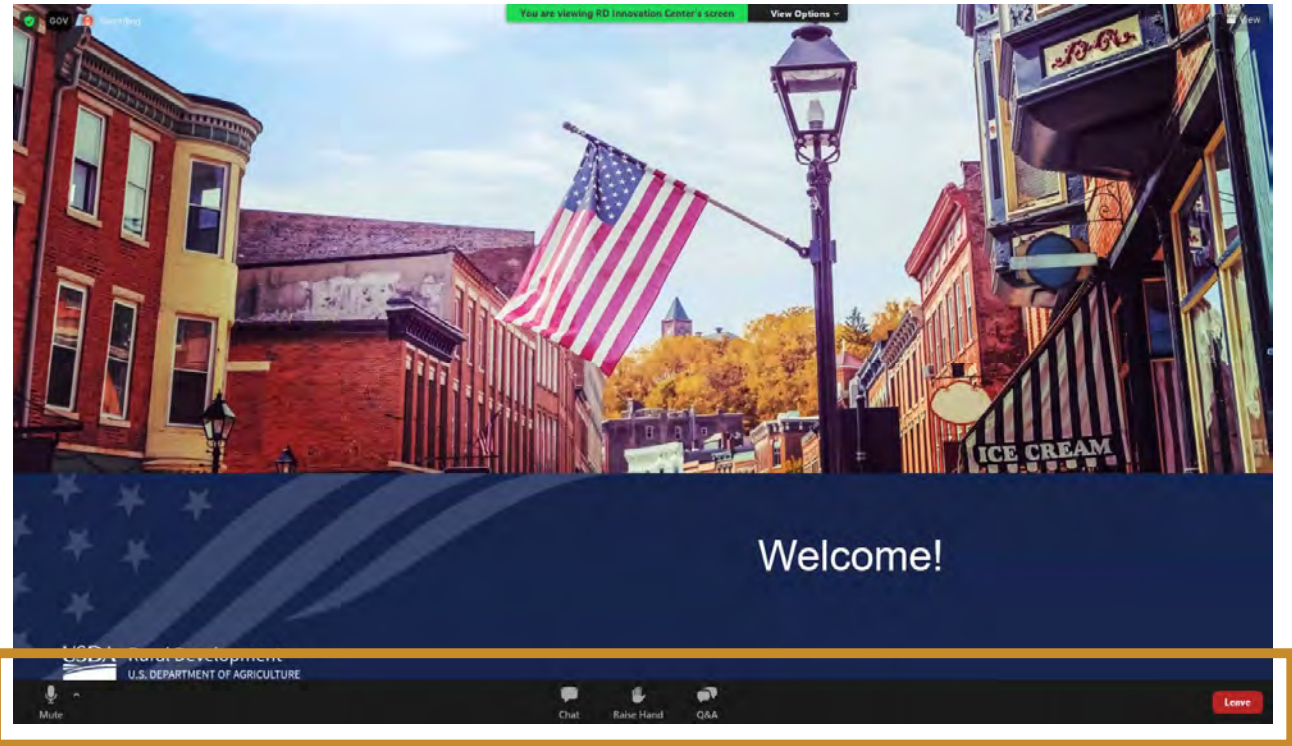
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HBIP Transportation Fueling Facility Applicant Deep Dive



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Agenda

- What's New?
- Overview
- Enrollment Orientation
- Online Application System
- What's Next?
- Questions
- Additional Opportunities



What's New?



HBIP – What's New?

- Make approximately \$75 million available to transportation fueling facility applicants and approximately \$25 million to fuel distribution facilities
- Include rail and marine as eligible fleet facility applicants under transportation fueling facilities.
- Updated capped costs for fuel dispensers and fuel storage tanks for transportation fueling facility applicants.

HBIP – What's New? (continued)

- Increase Federal cost share for replacing or installing fuel storage tanks at existing transportation fueling facilities from 25 percent to 50 percent.
- Allow costs to be incurred once a complete application is submitted, however no construction can begin until the Agency completes its environmental review(s).
- Streamlined the environmental review process for applications containing multiple site locations.
- Increase grant disbursement period from 18 months to 36 months.

Updated Capped Costs – Dispensers

	E15	Retrofit to E15	E85	B20
Capped Cost	\$43,500	\$36,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
CA Capped Cost	N/A	N/A	\$116,500	\$116,500

Updated Capped Costs – Dispensers

	Ethanol	Biodiesel
Capped Costs	\$146,000	\$175,500
CA Capped Costs	\$261,000	\$313,500

Overview



HBIP Overview

Of the **\$100 million** available to eligible participants/owners:

- Approximately **\$75 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, and biodiesel **greater than 5 percent biodiesel**, including B20 or higher.

Transportation fueling facilities include:

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



HBIIIP Overview (continued)

Eligible Project Costs:

- Incurred after a **complete application is submitted**;
- Purchase, installation, and/or retrofitting of fuel dispensers related equipment and infrastructure to support higher blend fuel sales;
- Construction, replacement, improvements;
- Fees – construction permits, and licenses;
- Professional service fees.

Ineligible Project Costs:

- Renewable diesel projects;
- Used equipment and vehicles;
- Construction or equipment costs that would be incurred regardless of the HBIIIP project;
- Purchase of real property or land;
- Lease payments;
- Expenses associated with applying for HBIIIP; and
- Expenses associated with reporting, disbursement, performance and service of HBIIIP.

HBIP Overview (continued)

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

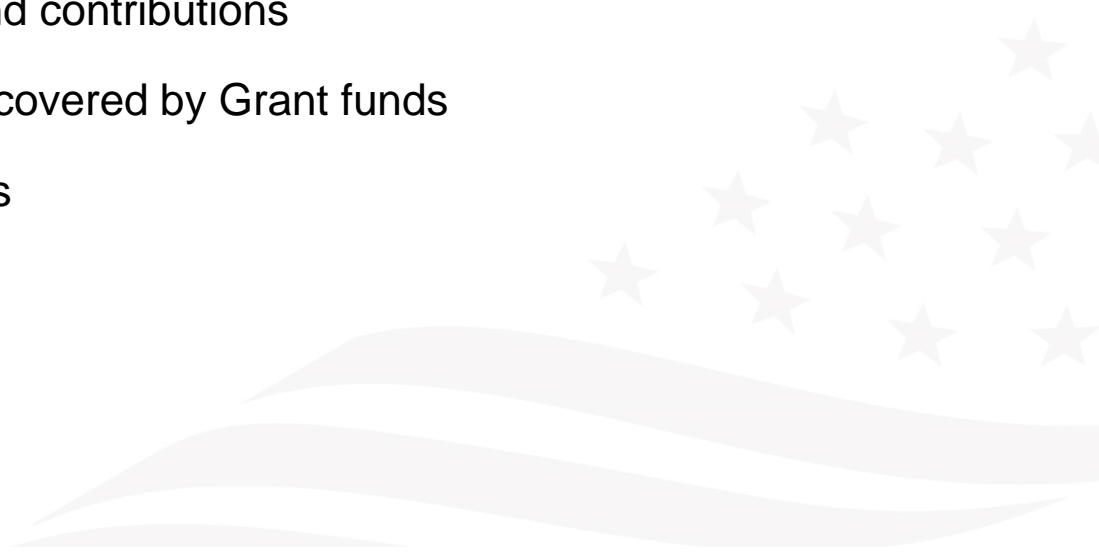
Estimated Funding:	Cash	In-kind value	All
Federal			
Applicant			
State			
Local			
Other			
TOTAL			

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

HBIIIP Overview (continued)

Matching Funds:

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

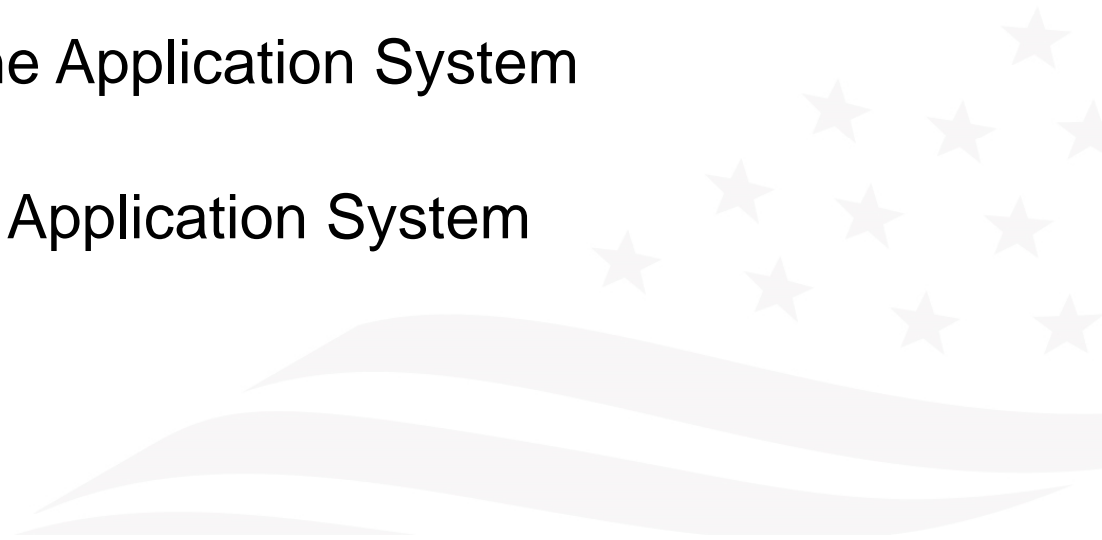


Enrollment Orientation



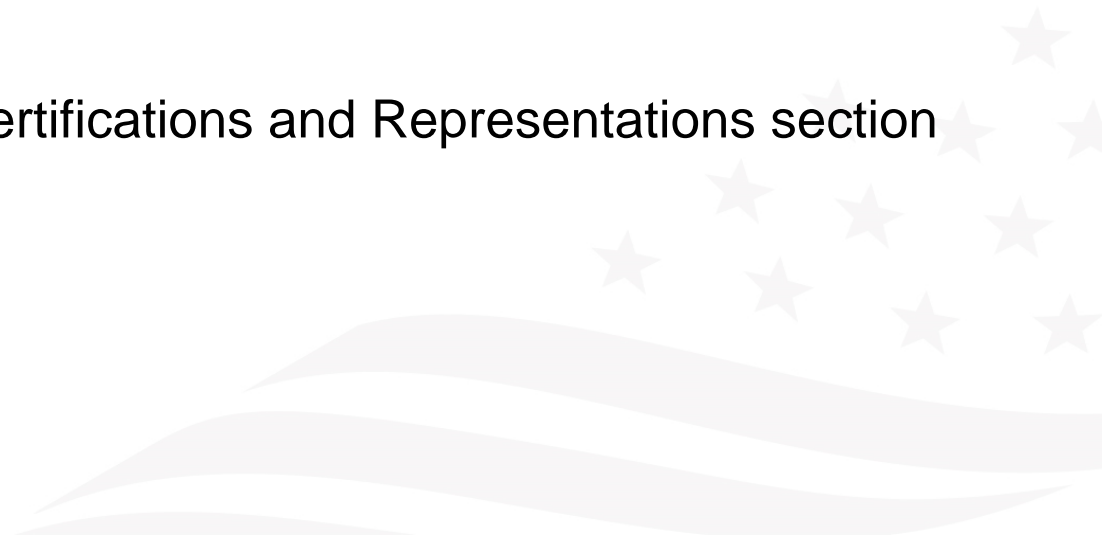
HBIP Enrollment

- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- USDA Level 2 eAuthentication
- Requesting access to the Online Application System
- Obtaining access to the Online Application System




HBIP Enrollment

- Register entity with the System for Award Management (SAM) at www.sam.gov to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and expiration date.
 - Make sure you complete the Certifications and Representations section when registering your entity.




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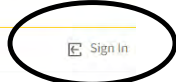
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HBIP Enrollment


- Create a USDA eAuthentication Customer Account, <https://www.eauth.usda.gov>.
 - Level 2 access is required.




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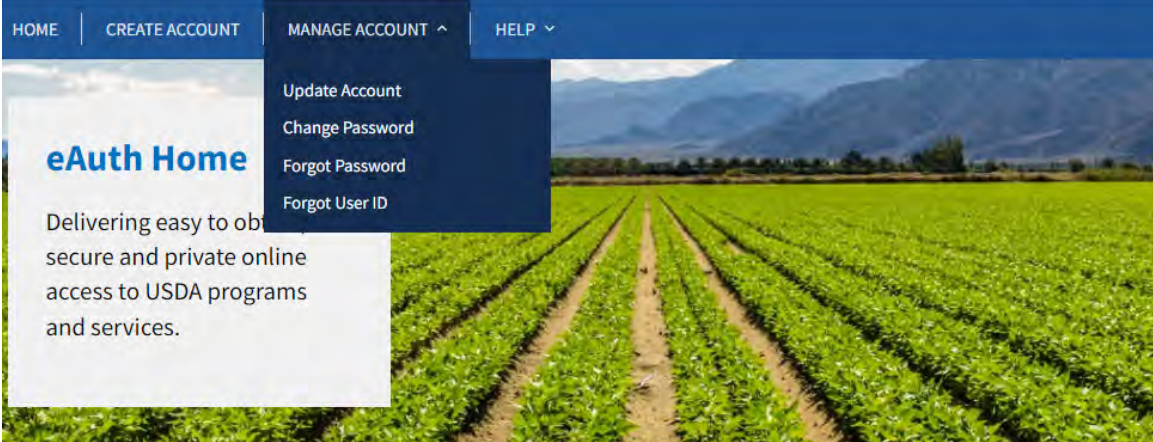
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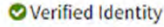
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Email address: [REDACTED]

Password: **** 

 Verified Identity

Personal Information

Name: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

To Apply

HBIIP Online Access Request

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Other Requirements

Contact

Events

To apply for the Higher Blends Grant program, please review the online application checklist below to determine the important documents you will need. You must also submit your completed [Access Request](#) to higherblendsgrants-access@usda.gov to gain access to the online application system.

Important Documents

- [Checklist for Online Application System](#)
- [HBIIP EAuthentication](#)
- [HBIIP Online Access Request](#)
- [HBIIP Online Application Instructions and Users Guide](#)

Request to Participate

HBIIIP Online Access Request 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 Tax ID Number (TIN)

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

UEI Expiration Date

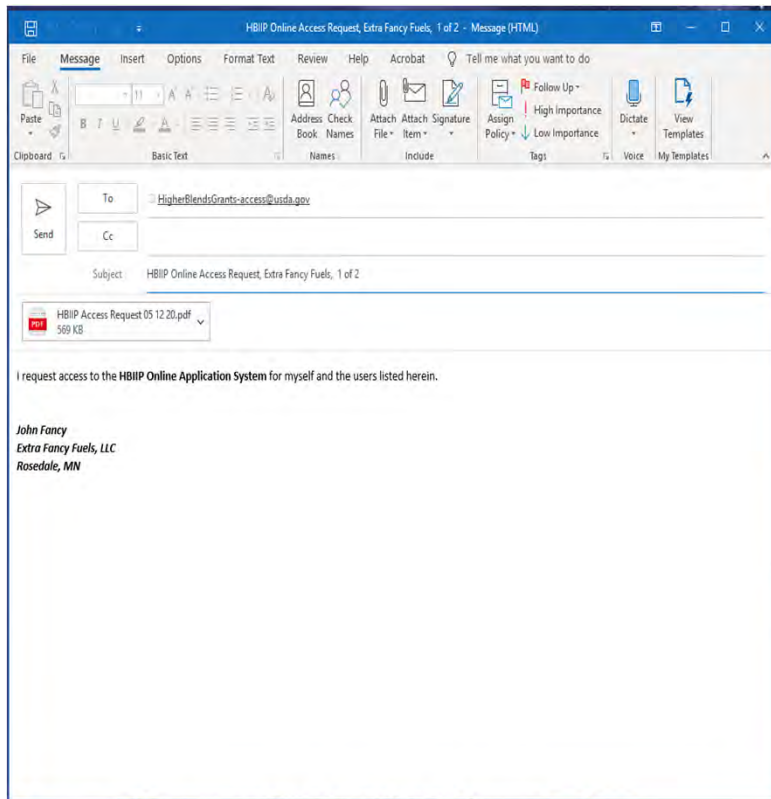
Applicant Type (Select One)

Authorized User Information

	Last Name	First Name	Email	eAuth ID
1				
2				
3				
4				
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6				
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9				
10				

- Select: Create both Company Account and User Account
- Company's Legal Name
- Company TIN
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- UEI Expiration Date
- **Applicant Type (Select One):**
 - Owner of 10 or fewer fueling stations
 - Owner of more than 10 fueling stations
 - Fleet facility
 - Fuel Distribution Facility

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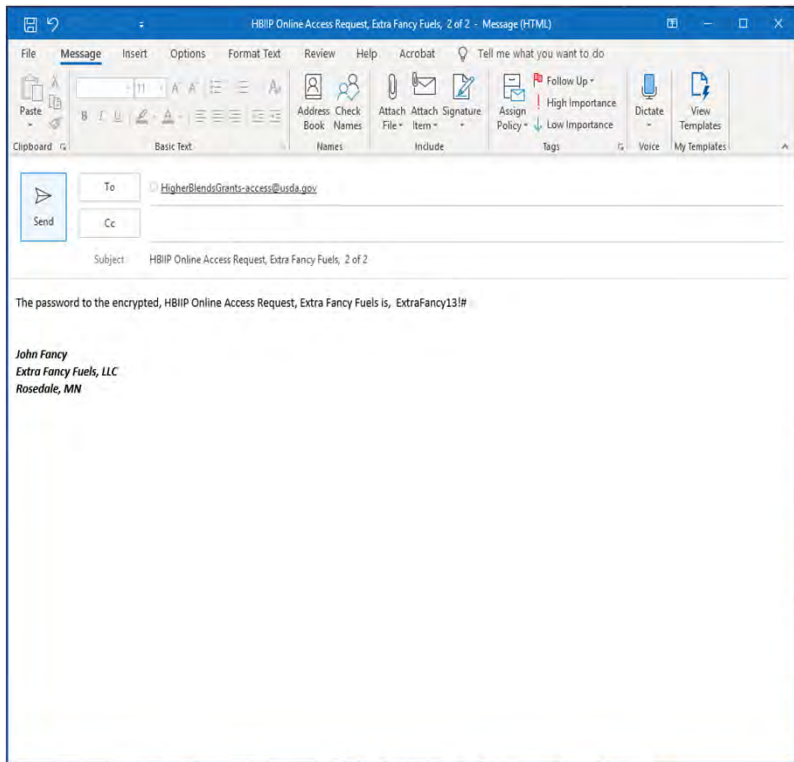


To request access to *HBIP Online Application System*:

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

Please allow at least one week to process your request. If you do not receive a response after one week, please resubmit your request.

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2. Send second email immediately with encryption password

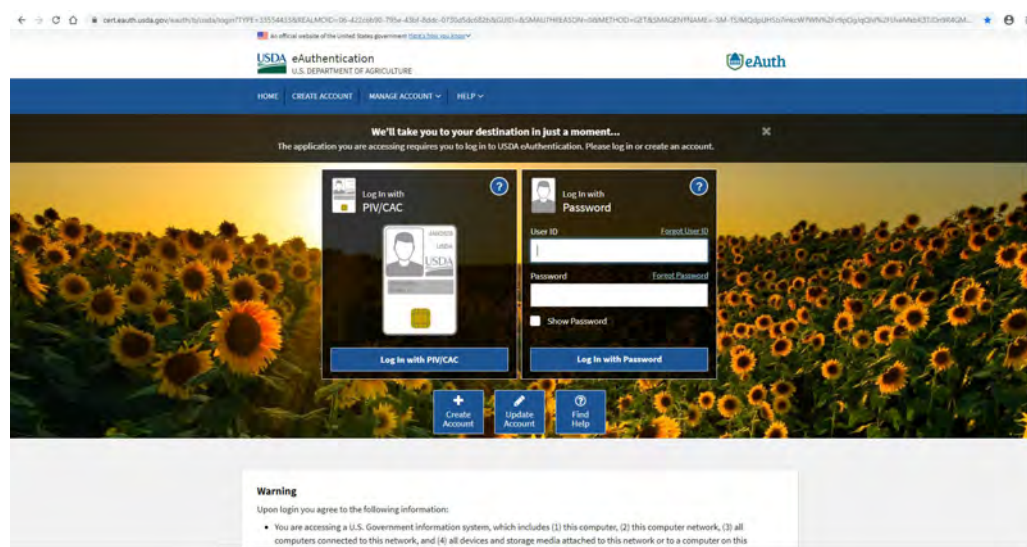
Obtaining access to the Online Application System

- 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.



To Apply

Important Documents

Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program

Application Window:
OPEN

Program Application Period:
Open on August 23, 2022, and Program Application Period to Closes November 21, 2022, 4:30 p.m. ES

Fact Sheet

Federal Register Notice

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- [HBIIIP Online Grant Application Instruction Guide](#)
 - [Single Point of Contact List for Executive Order 12372 requirements](#) (sec: 7.3.1.)
 - [Dispensers and Fueling Equipment Reference Guide](#) (sec: 7.5.6. and 7.5.7.)
 - [HBIIIP Project Technical Report Guide](#) (sec: 7.8)
 - [Environmental Review Documents Guide](#) (sec: 7.8)
 - [Preliminary Environmental Information Survey](#) (sec: 7.8.)
 - [Matching Funds Verification/Certification Guide](#) (sec: 7.7.2 and 7.8)
 - [SF 424D Assurances - Construction Programs](#) (sec: 7.8)
 - [SF 424D - Assurances - Construction Programs Instructions](#) (sec: 7.8.)

Online Application Instructions Guide



Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)

Online Grant Application Instruction Guide

United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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Online Application System



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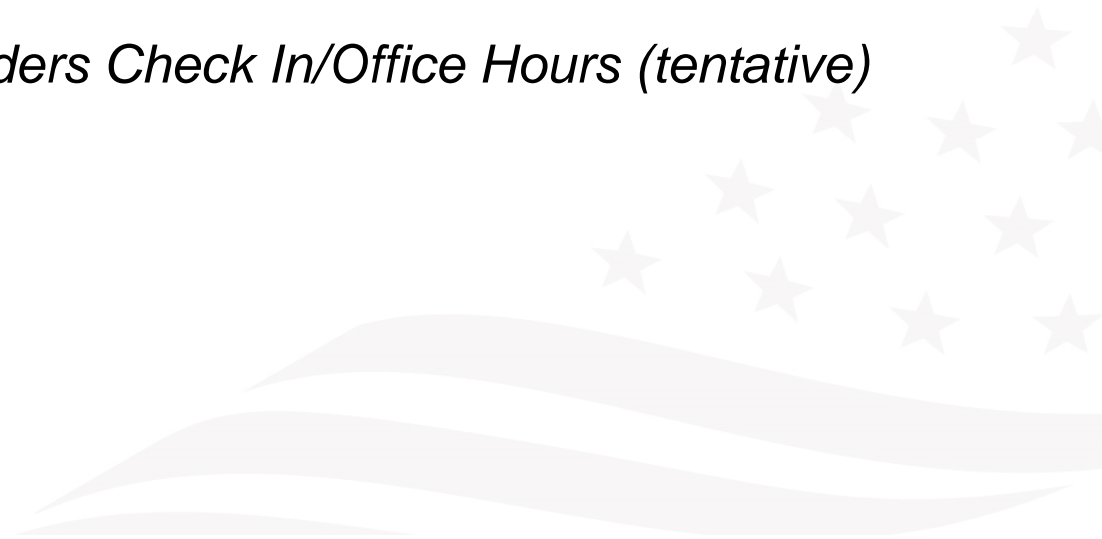
- HBIIP Application Window Closes – November 21, 2022, at 4:30 pm Eastern
 - Applications No Longer Accepted; Submit button unavailable
- November 2022 through February 2023
 - Agency Review for Eligibility and Completeness
 - Evaluation Panel and Competition
- March 2023 (or sooner) and Ongoing
 - Selection, Written Communication to All Participants
 - Public Announcement of Obligations
 - Grant Agreement Execution
 - Project Completion/Reimbursement



What's next?

Training

- Planned Training Webinars – See **Events** tab
 - *HBIIIP Transportation Fueling Facility Applicant (Rail/Marine) Deep Dive*
 - *HBIIIP Fuel Distribution Facility Applicant Deep Dive*
 - *HBIIIP Applicants and Stakeholders Check In/Office Hours (tentative)*



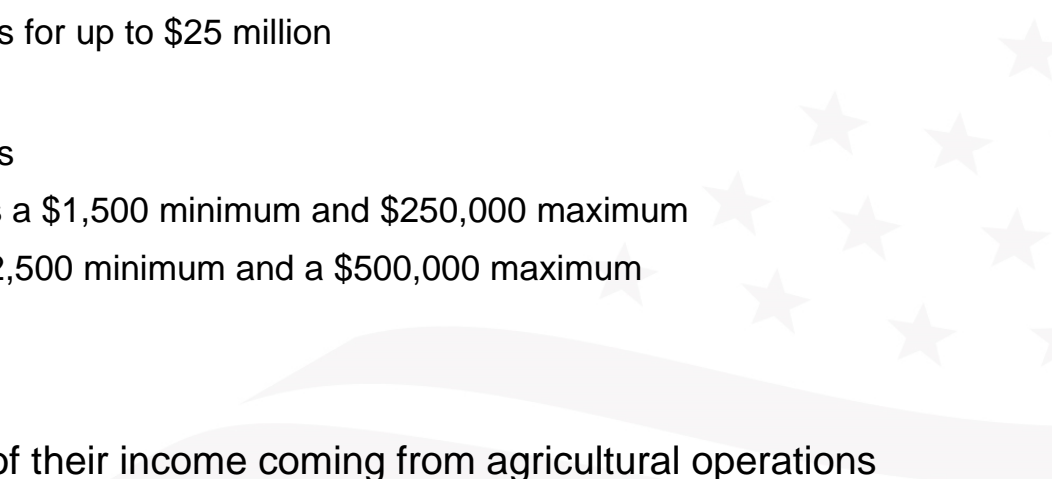
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Additional Opportunities



Additional Opportunities

- Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
 - Provides financial assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to make energy efficiency improvements or to install renewable energy systems
 - Types of funding
 - Guaranteed loans
 - Covers up to 75% of the eligible project costs for up to \$25 million
 - Grants
 - Covers up to 25% of the eligible project costs
 - For energy efficiency improvements, there is a \$1,500 minimum and \$250,000 maximum
 - For renewable energy systems, there is a \$2,500 minimum and a \$500,000 maximum
 - Eligible applicants
 - Small business is eligible rural areas
 - Agricultural producers with more than 50% of their income coming from agricultural operations
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Additional Opportunities (continued)

- Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) (continued)

Examples

- Energy Efficiency Improvements
 - Refrigeration/Freezer upgrades
 - Commercial kitchen, food prep equipment upgrades
 - Lighting upgrades
 - Heating and Ventilation (HVAC) systems
- Renewable Energy Systems
 - Solar Array
 - Geothermal System
- Contact your State Energy Coordinator for more information

https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/RBS_StateEnergyCoordinators.pdf



Additional Opportunities (continued)

- **Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loans**

- Provides financial assistance to rural businesses for things like business expansion, purchase of machinery and equipment, debt refinance, etc.
- Types of funding
 - Guaranteed loans for up to \$25 million
- Eligible applicants
 - Businesses located in rural areas (population of 50,000 or less)
- Contact your local USDA Rural Development Office by using the link below and selecting your state in the drop-down menu

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/business-industry-loan-guarantees>



Thank you!

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A recording of this Webinar, “HBIP Overview and Enrollment Orientation” with Q&A Document will be made available at:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/higher-blends-infrastructure-incentive-program>

Under the **Events** tab