



2024/2025 Nebraska Corn Board Blender Pump Grant Program

Grant Program:

Purpose:

The Nebraska Corn Board designed this grant program to incent Nebraska fuel retailers to add mid and upper level ethanol blends as an option for their customers. As there are additional costs when upgrading to blender pumps, this program will assist retailers with the added costs of fuel dispensers and potentially a portion of the construction costs.

This program is also designed to accelerate the use and availability of E15, E30 and E85 ethanol fuel blends (or other blends) as clean-burning, renewable alternatives to conventional gasoline in Nebraska. The use of ethanol blended fuels improves air quality, reduces harmful toxic carcinogens in the environment and improves the rural economy, along with saving consumers money at the pump.

Program Rules:

- a. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., September 27, 2024.
- b. Applications must be reviewed and approved before construction begins for the project.
- c. Applications will be reviewed by the Nebraska Corn Board Market Development Committee, with preference given to areas underserved by higher ethanol blends and/or potential traffic flow.
- d. Installed dispensers must be a minimum of UL 87A E25 Listing.
- e. The retailer must have signage visible from the road listing the price of at least two higher ethanol blends.
- f. Retailer will follow all federal and state labeling rules.
- g. Retailer accepting Nebraska Corn Board grant money must offer flex fuels such as E15, E30 and/or E85 blends for a minimum of 2 years from project completion date.

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- h. Retailer must complete work by April, 25, 2025.

Flex Fuel Pump Grant:

- a. Nebraska Corn Board may provide up to \$50,000.00 per retail location accepted into the grant program.
- b. Retailers focusing solely on E15 infrastructure may be provided up to \$25,000.
- c. The grant money can be utilized for the following equipment:
 - (i) Tanks
 - (ii) Piping
 - (iii) Electrical work related to dispenser installation
 - (iv) Dispensers (minimum UL 87A E25)
 - (v) Pumps
 - (vi) Signage

Completion and Payment:

- a. Retailers must submit bids related to the project in the application to the Nebraska Corn Board for consideration to be eligible for grant dollars related to the program.
- b. Selected retailers will submit invoices and photos to confirm the completion of the project and will invoice the Nebraska Corn Board for the agreed amount.
- c. Within 30 days of receiving invoices and meeting all requirements, the Nebraska Corn Board will reimburse retailer for grant dollars by an ACH payment.

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**** All information is for internal use only ****

Station Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Describe station's proximity to major highways or large population base:

Is station attended or unattended? _____ What are hours of operation? _____

What is the current or expected annual volume of fuel marketed? _____

What is the current or expected annual volume of E10 marketed? _____

Describe work that will be done to install blender pumps, signage and tanks (if applicable):

What is your station brand? _____

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Total number of pumps currently? _____ How many tanks at the site? _____

Total number of flex fuel pumps after construction? _____

Describe the location of fuel price signage? _____

Estimated start date of construction: _____ Estimated completion date: _____

Please provide a bid for total costs of installation: _____

What blends do you expect to offer? _____

Are you a local vehicle fleet fuel supplier? _____ if yes, who? _____

Are you a local auto dealership fuel supplier? _____ if yes who? _____

(Fleet and auto dealer information requested for follow-up opportunity
to build greatest volume of higher blend sales only)

Person authorized to sign contracts:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Complete company name to be placed on contracts: _____

Mail completed form to:

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Email to: payton.schaneman@nebraska.gov

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