



2026/2027 Nebraska Corn Board Ethanol Infrastructure Grant Program

Purpose:

The Nebraska Corn Board designed this grant program to incentivize 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. CST, October 30, 2026.
- 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.
- h. Retailer must complete work by May, 28, 2027.

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Ethanol Infrastructure Grant:

- a. Nebraska Corn Board may provide up to \$75,000.00 per retail location accepted into the grant program that utilizes E15 and two higher blends.
- b. Nebraska Corn Board may provide up to \$50,000 per retail location accepted into the grant program that utilizes E15 and one higher blend.
- c. Retailers focusing solely on E15 infrastructure may be provided up to \$25,000.
- d. 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 all 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 the retailer for grant dollars by an ACH payment or check.

Applications will only be accepted online at <https://form.jotform.com/262215988518064>
or visit our website at <https://nebraskacorn.gov/corn-101/corn-uses/ethanol/>

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