



## North Dakota Unleaded88 Expansion Program Guidelines

The North Dakota Corn Utilization Council, in coordination with the North Dakota Ethanol Council, is implementing the North Dakota Unleaded88 Expansion Program. The program goal is to increase the number of North Dakota retail locations offering Unleaded88 (blend of 15 percent ethanol) or higher blends of ethanol by June 30, 2020.

### Grant Details

- \$1,000 maximum per converted pump, with a \$10,000 maximum per station
- \$20,000 maximum per new station for E25 compatible pumps
- Cash match or in-kind contribution is required
- Funds awarded on a first-come-first-served basis

### Program Guidelines

- Funds can be used for dispensers, piping, hardware and signage for distribution of Unleaded88 (blend of 15 percent ethanol) or higher ethanol blends. Funds may also be used to investigate a station for conversion, maximum \$500. Above and below ground storage tanks are not eligible.
- Funds will be provided to grantees on a reimbursement basis with proper supporting documentation, which must include detailed dispenser, piping, hardware and signage costs along with a breakdown of hours and average rate charged for labor and photos showing pumps converted.
- Awardees must continue to sell Unleaded88 (blend of 15 percent ethanol) and/or a higher blend of ethanol for a minimum of 24 months after receiving the grant. Unleaded88 branding or pumps replaced before this date will be required to reimburse grant on a pro-rated basis.
- Projects must be completed, and reimbursement must be requested by June 30, 2020. Reimbursement will be made within 60 days of evidence provided that the project has been completed.
- A quarterly report of Unleaded88 (blend of 15 percent ethanol) and/or higher blend quantities sold will be required for 24 months.
- Retailers will carry out a marketing program with the assistance of the ND Corn Utilization Council and/or the ND Ethanol Council designed to promote the purchase and use of Unleaded88 and/or a higher blend of renewable fuel.
- The 15 percent ethanol blend must be marketed as Unleaded88 and included on signage per [state law](#). Exceptions to Unleaded88 marketing will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be at the sole discretion of the ND Corn Utilization Council.
- North Dakota motor fuel retailers must agree to comply with:
  - All applicable federal, state and local statutes, laws, ordinances, regulations and compatibility standards.
  - Pump removal guidelines and dispose replaced pumps according to state law.
  - Any additional NEPA requirements and pay for any required environmental assessments.
- It is encouraged that Unleaded88 (blend of 15 percent ethanol) and/or higher-level blends be sourced in North Dakota.

### Application Details

- Complete the North Dakota Unleaded88 Expansion Program Grant Application Form by April 30, 2020.
- Submit the form via email to [jean@ndcorn.org](mailto:jean@ndcorn.org) and mail to ND Corn Utilization Council, 4852 Rocking Horse Circle S, Fargo, ND 58104.

### Questions

- Contact Jean at 701-566-9322 or Deana at 701-355-4458 with questions.