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Notice of Funding Availability

Retail Fuel Station Grants

Take notice that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) hereby announces the anticipated availability of Retail Fuel Station - Energy Resiliency Program monies funded under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Under this program, the EDA will offer grants for the purpose of enhancing the operational resiliency of retail fuel stations Statewide from future electric power outages by incentivizing the permanent installation of back-up electric generator "quick-connects" and/or fixed back-up electric generators to the fuel pumps at eligible retail fuel stations.

Name of program: Retail Fuel Station (RFS) - Energy Resiliency Program.

Purpose: Eligible uses of grant funds may include pre-wiring a back-up electric generator "quick-connect (QC)," transfer switch, and/or the installation of back-up electric generator units to energize primary retail fuel pumps, point of sale (POS) systems, and/or requisite lighting and safety systems/equipment. The RFS Energy Resiliency Program is designed to assist owners/operators of eligible retail fuel stations across the State enhance their operational resiliency during extensive power outages.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include all retail fuel stations Statewide selling gasoline and diesel fuel with a minimum gasoline storage capacity of 18,000 gallons.

Under the grant parameters, eligible fuel stations are required to serve both diesel and gasoline, except in very limited instances where a station does not sell diesel but is the only available retail fuel outlet within a quarter mile of an identified evacuation route.

The generator incentive program is two-tiered as follows:

Retail stations with gasoline fuel storage capacity between 18,000 gallons and 35,000 gallons are eligible for up to \$ 15,000 in grant funding to purchase quick connect technology or offset a portion of the cost of purchasing a generator. A limited number of gas stations with less than an 18,000 gallon gasoline capacity are eligible if they are the only station available within a quarter mile of an of an identified evacuation route; and

Retail stations with gasoline fuel storage capacity greater than 35,000 gallons are eligible for up to \$ 65,000 in grant funding toward the purchase and installation of an onsite generator, which will cover in most instances the full cost of equipment and installation.

Amount of funding available: The RFS Energy Resiliency Program is funded with \$ 7 million in FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) money of which approximately \$ 2.38 million is available under this second round. Grants of up to \$ 15,000 will be made available for eligible retail stations with gasoline fuel tank storage capacity between 18,000 to 35,000 gallons to purchase quick connect technology or offset a portion of the cost of purchasing a generator. Grants of up to \$ 65,000 will be made available for eligible retail stations with gasoline fuel tank storage capacity greater than 35,000 gallons to purchase and install an onsite generator.

Terms and conditions: This program is funded through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant program. Therefore, all grants are subject to applicable Federal and State statutes and regulations.

Application fees: There are no application fees associated with the Retail Fuel Station - Energy Resiliency Program.

Procedure to apply: There will be an open, rolling process for accepting applications. Funding will be in rounds with the second round application period closing on March 31, 2015. Completed applications will be reviewed on a first-received, first-processed basis. Interested applicants are required to complete the EDA's online application, including all required supporting attachments. Priority will be given to stations located at or near a bridge or tunnel and stations that fuel county emergency vehicles.

Review and award process: Completed applications will be reviewed on a first-received, first-processed basis. Applicants will be notified within approximately 45 days as to eligibility status. Assistance is subject to the availability of funds.