

Dear Retailer,



Thank you for your interest in E85 and mid-level ethanol blends. Funding is currently available to assist retailers with the installation or conversion of equipment to dispense E85 and ethanol blends. Funding is limited and not guaranteed.

Award amounts will be based on costs associated with installation of new equipment or upgrading current equipment for E85 or intermediate ethanol blends as well as meeting project priorities. Project estimates for eligible equipment and labor must be provided with your application form. All applications must be approved before the project begins to assure funding.

All MN retailers that do not already have blender pumps are eligible. Priority will be given to retailers in the Twin Cities metro area, towns without current access to E85 or blender pumps, and areas with higher flex fuel vehicle populations.

Grant recipients are required to post street-visible E85 pricing and label dispenser(s) with E85 and ethanol blend decals. Imaging packages are available through the American Lung Association in Minnesota (ALAMN) and package costs count as eligible project costs. Order forms and decal examples are available in the retailer packet or contact us at cleanairchoice@lungum.org or 651-227-8014.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce collects E85 and ethanol blend sales data monthly. E85 and blender pump grant recipients must provide Department of Commerce with this data as part of the grant agreement.

All improvements and materials supported with funds provided by ALAMN must meet Fuel Ethanol Compatibility Standards and Dispensing List for E85 Fuel Vehicles as established and adopted by the American Automobile Manufacturers Association and dated August 10, 1995 (Source: *Handbook for Handling, Storing, and Dispensing E85* (April 2008)). In addition, the E85 and blender pump fueling system acquired and installed shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the federal, state, and local governments. Proof of compliance shall be provided to ALAMN upon request.

Installations of blender pumps offering intermediate ethanol blends are being considered on a case-by-case basis in Minnesota. Retailers planning to install blender pumps must contact Julie Quinn at the MN Department of Weights and Measures for prior approval at 651-215-5823.

Please complete the following application form and fax back with your project estimates to 651-227-5459.

We look forward to working with you to expand the use of E85 in Minnesota. Please contact the American Lung Association in Minnesota with questions at 651-227-8014.



MINNESOTA E85/BLENDER PUMP PROJECT

Bringing E85 and mid-level ethanol blends to FFV drivers.
 Visit CleanAirChoice.org or call 800-LUNG-USA



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Application for funding assistance for E85 and blender pump fueling installation and conversion projects.
 Station may be eligible for a portion of actual, documented costs if meeting program guidelines. Funding is not guaranteed.

- To assure funding, applications should be submitted and approved before equipment installation/conversion projects begin.
- Expenses incurred before approval may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Please complete the following:

Contact person:
 Company:
 Address:
 City, State, Zip:
 Phone:
 Fax:
 Email:
 Website:

Station Name:
Station Address:
City, State, Zip:
Station Phone:
 County:
 Station hours of operation:
 Is station open 24 hours w/ credit card?
 Does station accept Wright Express fuel card?
 Does station accept Voyager Visa fuel card?

Blender Pump: Yes No

If yes, approved by Weights and Measures (contact Julie Quinn at (651) 215-5823)? Yes No
 Please list the blends that will be provided: _____

Please provide an estimate of cost for your E85/Blender Pump project: \$ _____
Estimated date of opening with E85/intermediate blends? _____

IMPORTANT: Return a copy of actual project bid received from your vendor/s.

Is your project an equipment conversion, station remodel or new construction? _____

If converting, the year system was installed: _____ Type of piping? _____

Steel tank? Fiberglass? Single-wall? Double-wall?

Leak detection type/detail? _____

- Will E85/blender pump dispenser/s be located on main fuel island? Yes No
- E85 price must be posted at the station. Will this be a problem at station? Yes No
- Will local car dealer/s partner with you in flex-fuel vehicle (FFV) promotions? Yes No
- Are you able to include E85 in current newspaper or other advertising? Yes No
- Do you currently have fleet customers operating FFVs? Yes No

Point-of-sale materials and dispenser decaling kit are available for all E85/Blender pump outlets
 (see order form).

How many E85/Blender pump dispensers and nozzles will you have? Dispensers ____ Nozzles ____
 Multi-product dispensers? Yes No Do you need "PUSH HERE" button decals? Yes No
 Do you need small E85 logo decals to place over price window on dispenser face? Yes No

Proper pricing is critical to successful E85 sales. FFVs are not dedicated to E85 and may achieve lower MPG on E85 as compared to gasoline. However, E85 can usually be priced less than gasoline.

Do you need information on fuel tax and income tax incentives available to E85 stations? Yes No
 Please compare E85 suppliers and prices. Do you need a list of wholesale suppliers? Yes No

RETURN this form and your vendor bid to MN Clean Air Choice Team, American Lung Assn in MN by FAX to 651-227-5459. Feel free to attach additional details as needed.



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 MN Dept of Agriculture • MN Office of Energy Security
 General Motors Corporation • Ford Motor Company
 Al-Corn Clean Fuel • Highwater Ethanol
 U.S. Dept of Energy Clean Cities • American Lung Association in MN



Office use only – Approval signature required – Stations may be eligible for a portion of actual, documented costs if meeting program guidelines. Funding is not guaranteed, applications will be kept on file and applicant will be notified should funding become available.

Signature of ALAMN Representative _____ Date _____