



ALABAMA APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) BIOFUEL CORRIDORS GRANT APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the Alabama ARC Biofuel Corridors Grant Program. It is the goal of this program to increase the availability and use of B20 biodiesel (20 percent biodiesel blended fuel) in Alabama. This program **will pay up to 50% of the installation costs for B20 refueling infrastructure at retail stations along ARC Development Corridors X & V in Alabama.** See highlighted Corridors below:



Note that up to an additional 50% of the *non-covered* program monies may qualify for the alternative fuel vehicle (QAFV) refueling property credit (“Refueling Property Credit”) under § 30C of the Internal Revenue Code.

Due to the limited amount of funds available, submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

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Only costs incurred after approval notification are eligible for funding. Project construction can not begin until award notification by the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition (ACFC). Costs incurred after approval and prior to execution of the grant agreement (contract) are made at the applicant's risk. Funding is assured only after final execution of the grant agreement.

Before beginning the application, please read the document entitled "Guidelines for the 2009 ARC Biofuel Corridors Project". A copy of the X & V Biofuel Corridor Guidelines may be found at www.AlabamaCleanCorridors.com under the heading "Grant Information".

Please note that funding for this program is made available by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The project will be administered locally by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division and ACFC.

ACFC and the ADECA Energy Division reserve the right to reject any and all applications submitted and to request additional information from all Applicants. ACFC and the ADECA Energy Division reserve the right to award a grant on an "all or none" basis or to award a separate grant or no grant for each work element. Any grant award will be made to the organization which, in the opinion of the Review Team, is determined to be the best qualified and whose proposal best meets the needs of the Alabama ARC Biofuel Corridors Grant Program. ACFC and the ADECA Energy Division reserve the right to negotiate with any Applicant(s).

Completed grant applications must be received at the following address no later than 5:00 PM on November 30th, 2009. E-mail submission of applications with follow-up mailing of signed original is preferred.

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COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE APPLICATION ON FOLLOWING PAGES. PLEASE CALL or EMAIL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

Questions may be addressed to Mark Bentley at mark@alabamacleanfuels.org or (205) 402-2755.

APPLICATION

I. Applicant Profile

Please fill in each category as all information is needed. Incomplete applications may be rejected without review.

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ Federal ID#: _____

Project Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Name and Title of Organization Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name and Title of Project Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of Preparer of Application: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

II. Project Narrative

Please answer the questions below along with a narrative providing a brief history of the organization and its qualifications to develop the proposed project. Describe the project for which the funding is being requested. Explain ideas thoroughly and reasoning behind why the project will be successful. Add additional pages if necessary. Include photographs of station and surrounding area.

Describe whether the fueling station is placed in a “strategic location” for consideration for this grant.

Why is it a strategic location?

Station is in proximity to either the X or V corridors (on or within 1 mile of Exit)

Number of Diesel Fleets within 10 miles of project site:

Year station went into service: _____

Number of diesel dispensers currently at the site: _____

Fuels currently offered at site (List):

Number of other retail locations owned or operated by the applicant: _____

Do you currently have long-term contracts with fleets? ____ If yes, how many? ____
Please list the fleets covered by these contracts.

III. Marketing

In order to be eligible for this grant, applicants must agree to appropriately advertise the availability of B20 biodiesel by posting signage and pricing for the alternative fuel. Pump toppers are available from ACFC. Please give a detailed explanation of how you plan to market the alternative fuel to the public and to fleets in addition to the marketing support that will be provided by ACFC as described in the Guidelines. Add additional pages if necessary.

IV. Estimated Annual Fuel Sales

Total annual sales volume for current refueling site (gallons):

_____ <500,000 gallons _____ 500,000-750,000 gallons _____ 750,000 + gallons

_____ Estimated annual number of gallons of B20 Biodiesel that you expect to sell at this site

Please provide a brief justification for these estimations.

V. Timeline

Please provide the estimated date that the pump(s) will begin selling B20 biodiesel to the public between December 18th, 2009 and March 31, 2010:

Month/Day/Year: _____/_____/_____

VI. Project Budget

Enter the projected costs of the project in the appropriate columns below. **Please attach a minimum of three (3) quotes from equipment/installation/tank cleaning providers to support these numbers. Also attach a copy of your Proof of Insurance for the project site.**

Equipment Cost	\$
Installation Cost	\$
Site Preparation	\$
Tank Cleaning**	\$
Signage	\$
Total Cost	\$
Total Cost x 50% = Grant Requested	\$*

*Maximum Grant = **\$2,500** for B20 infrastructure

** Note: Professional Tank Cleaning is required before introducing biodiesel. See sample request for proposal on AlabamaCleanCorridors.com website.

Please explain how you will pay for project costs not covered by the grant. Describe all other sources of funding for the project, and the amount of funds from each source:

Source: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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VII. Environmental / Safety Information

Describe any federal, state, or local environmental and/or safety permits or permit modifications needed for this project. Attach documentation of any permits to this application.

Is the applicant aware of any adverse environmental impact which may arise from the implementation of the proposed project?

Yes _____ No _____

(If yes, attach an analysis of that impact and the applicant's plan to minimize and avoid such an impact.)

VIII. Certifications & Assurances

If awarded an ARC Biofuel Corridor grant, all grantees will be required to attest to specific certifications in the Grant Agreement. This note is just to inform you, as a possible grantee, that certifications and assurances will be included in the Grant Agreement. Grantees should review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before signing the Grant Agreement.

IX. Applicant Affirmations

The Applicant hereby affirms that they are in good standing with the Alabama Department of Revenue. The Applicant also affirms that 1) there are no outstanding enforcement actions against it by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and 2) all permits have been acquired or are in the process with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

The Applicant also affirms that it will sell B20 through January 31, 2013 at the project location if it receives a grant award through this program.

I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this application and in conjunction with this application is factual.

Authorized Official (signature)

Project Manager (signature)

Name and Title (type or print)

Name and Title (type or print)

Date

Date

Scoring Criteria

The Alabama ARC Biofuel Corridor Grant Program Review Team will score applications based on the following criteria:

- ✓ Application Requirements
 - Was the application complete?
 - Ability to complete project during specified timeframe
 - Three price quotes for equipment, equipment installation, and/or tank cleaning
 - Proof of insurance
- ✓ Location of Project Site
 - Proximity to either Corridor X or V
 - Proximity to local diesel fleets
- ✓ Existing Contracts with Diesel Fleets
- ✓ Estimated Annual Sales of B20 (gallons)
- ✓ Marketing Plan
 - How you are going to market to public
 - How you are going to market to fleets
 - How you are going to provide signage at location
- ✓ Is existing equipment being converted to biofuel? Conversions will receive preference over completely new installations.
- ✓ Is applicant proposing multiple locations along the Corridor(s)? Multiple locations by a single applicant will receive preference over single locations.

A complete checklist of Scoring Criteria may be found at www.AlabamaCleanCorridors.com under Grant Information.