

USDA: Invests \$182,000 in biofuel infrastructure in Wisconsin

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STEVENS POINT, Wis., Aug. 20, 2021 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wisconsin Rural Development Acting State Director Michelle Wallace announced that USDA awarded \$182,000 in grants to help to help expand the availability of higher-blend, renewable biofuel in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is [one of 23 states in which USDA is investing \\$26 million](#) through the [Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program](#) (HBIIP). The funding will assist in increasing the use of biofuels derived from U.S. agricultural products to help rural America build back better.

“HBIIP has been a significant first step in helping to improve consumer access to biofuel blends,” Wallace said. “USDA will continue to help ease the burden for retailers planning projects across the nation which will in turn pass along savings at the pump.”

Pamperin Rentals III LLC will use a \$100,000 grant to replace five dispensers and install an underground storage tank at a fueling station in East Troy. This project is expected to increase the amount of ethanol sold by 1.2 million gallons per year.

O-Line 50 Inc will use a \$82,000 grant to install six dispensers and a storage tank at a fueling station in Kenosha. This project is expected to increase the amount of ethanol sold by 840,000 gallons per year.

Today’s announcement marks the one-year anniversary of the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program. To date, USDA has invested \$66.4 million for projects that are expected to increase biofuels sales by 1.2 billion gallons annually.

This announcement includes investments in California, Connecticut, Florida,

Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas and Wisconsin.

Through this program, USDA helps transportation fueling and biodiesel distribution facilities offer higher ethanol and biodiesel blends to customers by sharing the costs to install fuel pumps, equipment and infrastructure. For more information on the program, visit www.rd.usda.gov/hbiip.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities, create jobs and improve the quality of life for millions of Americans in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural, Tribal and high-poverty areas.

To learn more about investment resources for rural areas, interested parties should contact our Wisconsin USDA Rural Development office at 715-345-7600 or wi-rd-stateoffice@usda.gov and visit our website www.rd.usda.gov/wi. If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our [GovDelivery subscriber page](#).