

consulting, or research; or as university faculty, trade association official or non-Federal government official in an agriculturally-related field).

## 2. Ethical Standards

Prospective reviewers must be able to exercise the highest level of ethical standards in avoiding conflict of interests and maintaining confidentiality.

### (a) Conflict of Interest

Individuals selected as non-Federal independent grant reviewers will be required to certify that they do not have a conflict of interest or an appearance thereof with any VAPG application they are assigned to review. This may include but is not limited to certification that they did not apply for a VAPG grant and are not affiliated with persons or organizations applying for VAPG funds.

### (b) Confidentiality

Reviewers will also be required to sign a certification statement regarding the safeguarding of information contained in assigned applications.

Failure to identify a conflict-of-interest or the unauthorized disclosure of information may subject reviewers to administrative sanction, *i.e.*, removal from the current review and/or disqualification from involvement in future reviews of grant applications.

## 3. Training.

All reviewers must review and understand program requirements and must attend a mandatory training webinar.

## 4. System Requirements.

(a) Reviewers must have reliable internet access using internet Explorer and must be able to reliably access applications and submit scores electronically and.

(b) All reviewers must be able to complete requirements for, obtain, and maintain USDA Level 2 e-Authorization credentialing.

To apply, please send a resume addressing relevant qualifications and experience to [CPGrants@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:CPGrants@wdc.usda.gov) by February 19, 2021.

## H. Agency Contacts

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact the State Office as identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice. You are also encouraged to visit the application website for application tools, including an application guide and templates. The website address is: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/>

*value-added-producer-grants*. You may also contact National Office staff at [CPGrants@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:CPGrants@wdc.usda.gov) or call the main line at (202) 720-1400.

### I. Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (*e.g.*, Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Commodity Credit Corporation

#### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

### Solicitation of Applications for the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) for Fiscal Year 2021

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; announcement of opening date for Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program second application window.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), announced the general policy and application procedures for funding under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) in a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) which published on May 5, 2020 in the **Federal Register**. HBIIP provides up to \$100 million in competitive grants to eligible entities for activities designed to expand the sales and use of renewable fuels under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). This Notice announces the opening date for a second HBIIP application window for the remaining (approximately) \$22 million (of the \$100 million) and amends certain provisions and requirements of the original solicitation and clarifying notices published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 2020 and June 3, 2020.

**DATES:** The Agency will begin accepting applications through the HBIIP online portal as provided on the program website, <http://www.rd.usda.gov/HBIIP>. Applications for enrollment in the Higher Biofuels Infrastructure Incentive Program will be accepted beginning December 21, 2020 through January 19, 2021. Applications received after 5:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 19, 2021 will not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Application Submission: Instructions and additional resources for the application system for electronic submissions are available at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/HBIIP>.

*Electronic submissions:* Electronic submissions of applications will allow for the expeditious review of an Applicant's proposal. All Applicants must file their application electronically.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general inquiries regarding the HBIIP, contact Anthony Crooks:

Telephone (202) 205-9322, email: [EnergyPrograms@usda.gov](mailto:EnergyPrograms@usda.gov). Persons with disabilities that require alternative means for communication should contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* This solicitation is issued pursuant to; 62 Stat 1070, and the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act of 1948 (Charter Act); U.S. Code 15 U.S.C. 714.

#### **Congressional Review Act**

The requirements of the Congressional Review Act (CRA; 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*), as specified by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget for this program were met with the original solicitation published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2020 at 85 FR 26656.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

The information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in this Notice have been approved under OMB Control Number 0570-0072.

#### **Overview**

*Federal Agency:* The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), (USDA).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) for Fiscal Year 2021.

*Announcement Type:* Solicitation of Applications; announcement of opening date for Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program second application window.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Title:* The Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP)—10.754.

*Due Date for Applications:* Applications will be accepted beginning December 21, 2020 through January 19, 2021. Applications received after 5:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 19, 2021 will not be considered.

#### **I. Background**

On May 5, 2020, the CCC and RBCS (the Agency) published a NOFA in the **Federal Register**, 85 FR 26656, announcing the availability of up to \$100 million in competitive grants to eligible entities for activities designed to expand the sales and use of renewable fuels under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP).

Under the original solicitation and clarifying notices of May 15, 2020 (85 FR 29394) and June 3, 2020 (85 FR

37824), 128 companies were enrolled in the HBIIP online application system and 121 applications were successfully submitted in the application window (before 11:59 p.m. EDT, August 13, 2020).

All meritorious applications for fueling stations and fleet facilities were awarded funds, amounting to approximately \$64.3 million.

Based on the awards made in the original solicitation, \$16.8 million of the “Targeted Assistance Goal of approximately \$40 million,” established for Owners of 10 fueling stations or fewer, was met.

The original solicitation limited awards to fuel distribution facilities to “approximately \$14 million.” The amount requested by these applicants significantly exceeded the amount available.

Approximately \$22 million remains available under the original solicitation, the Agency determined it is in the public interest to announce a second round of funding and to make available approximately \$15 million to fueling stations and fleet facilities and approximately \$7 million to fuel/biodiesel distribution facilities, for purposes as originally specified. Additionally, the Agency reserves discretion to reallocate available funds (among applicant types, as established in the original solicitation) based on the number of applications received, the amount of requested funds and any funds returned by program recipients or made otherwise available to the program.

The purpose of this Notice is to announce that the Agency will accept applications for 30 days for the HBIIP beginning December 21, 2020.

#### **II. General Funding Information**

##### *A. Type of Instrument*

Grants. Awards to successful applicants will be in the form of cost-share grants for up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs, but not to exceed \$3 million, whichever is less.

##### *B. Available Funds*

Of the \$100 million made available under HBIIP in the original solicitation of May 5, 2020, approximately \$22 million remains to eligible participants. Of the total amount of remaining funds, approximately \$15 million will be made available to transportation fueling facilities (including fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet facilities, and similar entities with capital investments) for eligible implementation activities related to higher blends of fuel ethanol

greater than 10 percent ethanol, such as E15 or higher; and approximately \$7 million will be made available to fuel/biodiesel distribution facilities (including terminal operations, depots, midstream partners and heating oil distribution facilities or equivalent entities), for eligible implementation activities related to higher blends of biodiesel greater than 5 percent biodiesel, such as B20 or higher. The Agency reserves discretion to reallocate available funds (among applicant types, as established in the original solicitation) based on the number of applications received, the amount of requested funds and any funds returned by program recipients or made otherwise available to the program.

##### *C. Approximate Number of Awards*

The number of awards will depend on the number of eligible participants and the total amount of requested funds. In the unlikely event that every successful applicant is awarded the maximum amount available, 8 awards will be made.

#### **III. Program Requirements and Changes**

To be eligible for an award under this solicitation, applications must meet all the requirements contained in the HBIIP NOFA published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2020 (85 FR 26656) and clarifying notices; May 15, 2020 (85 FR 29394) and June 3, 2020 (85 FR 37824) with the following exceptions for this second round of funding:

1. Grants for up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs, but not more than \$3 million are available to eligible participants;

2. Of the remaining \$22 million, approximately \$15 million is available to vehicle fueling facilities, including, but not limited to, local fueling stations/locations, convenience stores (CS), hypermarket fueling stations (HFS), and fleet facilities; and approximately \$7 million is available for fuel/biodiesel distribution facilities, terminal operations, midstream partners, and heating oil distribution facilities or equivalent entities;

3. RBCS reserves discretion to reallocate available funds (among applicant types, as established in the original solicitation) based on the number of applications received, the amount of requested funds and any funds returned by program recipients or made otherwise available to the program; and

4. Applicants selected to receive funds in the first round of funding (original solicitation) will not be considered.

Information can also be found at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/HBIIP>.

**Robert Stephenson,**

*Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.*

**Mark Brodziski,**

*Deputy Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meetings of the New Hampshire Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that the New Hampshire State Advisory Committee to the Commission will hold meetings on Monday January 11, 2021; Monday, January 25, 2021; and Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (ET). The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the New Hampshire Advisory Committee's draft report on solitary confinement in New Hampshire.

**DATES:** These meetings will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (ET) on 1/11/21, 1/25/21, and 2/8/21.

Please register for these meetings at the following links to receive details on how to join the meeting by audio and/or video:

- January 11, 2021: <https://tinyurl.com/NHSACJan11>
- January 25, 2021: <https://tinyurl.com/NHSACJan25>
- February 8, 2021: <https://tinyurl.com/NHSACFeb8>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mallory Trachtenberg at [mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov](mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov) or by phone at (202) 809-9618.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These meetings are available to the public through the above web links. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference

ID number found through registering at the web link provided for each meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of each meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the respective meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Mallory Trachtenberg at [mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov](mailto:mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 809-9618. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov). Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

**Agenda**

*Mondays, January 11, 2021; January 25, 2021; and February 8, 2021 From 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (ET)*

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Announcements and Updates
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Draft Report Discussion: Solitary Confinement in New Hampshire
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Next Steps
- VII. Adjournment

Dated: December 15, 2020.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meetings of the Tennessee Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Tennessee Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meetings via the web platform Webex on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Central Time. The purpose of the meeting is for the committee to discuss civil rights concerns in the state.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on:

- Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Central Time

<https://civilrights.webex.com/civilrights/j.php?MTID=mb70f2f53600bfb6d09c0bef7c2132e1e>

Or join by phone 800-360-9505 USA Toll Free. Access code: 1404 3971 590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Barreras, Designated Federal Officer, at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov) or (202) 499-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the public may listen to this discussion through the above call-in number. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to David Barreras at [dbarreras@usccr.gov](mailto:dbarreras@usccr.gov).

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via [www.facadatabase.gov](http://www.facadatabase.gov) under the Commission on Civil Rights, Tennessee Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Chair's Comments
- III. Committee Discussion
- IV. Next Steps
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

Dated: December 15, 2020.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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