

Wisconsin Refueling Readiness 2023 Grant Program

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin's (PSC) Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) is seeking applications for the fourth round of Wisconsin's Refueling Readiness grant program. The program is designed to address the concern of fueling emergency vehicles during a natural or man-made disaster. The goal of this round is to expand the network of fueling points of distribution throughout the state so that at least one fueling station in each county is wired for a generator to restore power to the fueling area as quickly as possible.

The PSC will award up to \$150,000 in grants to public and private entities in Wisconsin. Funding is available on a first come, first served basis, and priority will be given to entities in counties that have not previously received refueling readiness grants. OEI will create a waitlist for applicants in counties that have previously received refueling readiness grants and reviewed in the order received and awarded based on remaining funds available. Eligible costs include transfer switch, tap box, and necessary wiring and appurtenances in order to be able to accept an emergency electrical generator on site.

Eligible Applicants

- Municipally or Native American Tribal Community-owned highway shops,
- Privately, Municipally, and Tribally-owned convenience stores with both unleaded and diesel fuel availability,
- Privately-owned bulk petroleum storage facilities
- All applicants must currently or are willing to include the facility in the county/tribal/local government's emergency plan

Grant Amounts

- Activity 1: Up to \$10,000 for the installation of a tap switch for a typical highway shop or convenience store.
- Activity 2: Up to \$25,000 for Bulk Storage Facilities for the installation of switch gear to enable a bulk storage facility to purchase or rent a generator to provide back-up power to the facility.

Timeline

- Grant Program opens **soon**
- Applications accepted on a rolling basis, no later than **1:30 pm on December 1, 2023***
- Once you have received a grant agreement from PSC, you have **6 months** to complete the project

How to Apply

- Review full grant details and eligibility criteria in the Application Instructions on the OEI [Refueling Readiness grant website](#)
- Get a quote from an electrical contractor, or if you have an electrician on staff, an electrical equipment supplier. The Build America, Buy America provisions of Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) will apply to installed project equipment
- Register with the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM) to obtain a Universal Entity Identifier (UEID). You are encouraged to register as soon as possible, to provide the UEID number with your grant application.
- Create PSC Grants System and Electronic Records Filing (ERF) System accounts if you do not already have these.
 - The PSC Grants System is connected to the ERF system, therefore an account is required for both.
 - If you have an ERF account, from the [PSC Grants System Login](#) page, follow the link to validate your ERF Account.
 - If you do not have an ERF account, from the [PSC Grants System Login](#) page, follow the link to create an ERF Account, then return to the login page and follow the link to validate your ERF Account.
- Submit your application with electrical quote through the PSC's Grants System at <https://apps.psc.wi.gov/apps/grants>
- Await word from OEI. A grant agreement is required prior to starting your project.

All questions related to these 2023 Application Instructions must be submitted in writing to OEI@wisconsin.gov with the following subject line: Refueling Readiness 2023 Question

***This deadline may be extended beyond December 1, 2023 to allow for a 4 month application period.**

Priority Areas		
Adams County	Iron County	Racine County
Brown County – Green Bay Area	Jackson County	Richland County
Buffalo County	Jefferson County	Rock County
Burnett County	Kenosha County	Saint Croix County
Calumet County	La Crosse County	Sauk County
Clark County	Langlade County	Sawyer County
Columbia County	Lincoln County	Sheboygan County
Crawford County	Marinette County	Taylor County
Dane County – Madison Area	Marquette County	Trempealeau County
Door County	Menominee County	Vernon County
Dunn County	Milwaukee County – Milwaukee Area	Vilas County
Eau Claire County	Oconto County	Walworth County
Florence County	Oneida County	Washburn County
Fond du Lac County	Outagamie County	Washington County
Grant County	Ozaukee County	Waukesha County
Green County	Polk County	Waushara County
Iowa County	Pierce County	Winnebago County
	Portage County	Wood County