RUST Grants

RUST grant funds may be used to finance up to 100 percent of the costs necessary to upgrade USTs by installing containment sumps, double-walled piping, dispensers, under-dispenser containment boxes/panes, electronic monitoring systems, and enhanced vapor recovery systems and conduct enhanced leak detection tests.

Grant Amount: Grants range from $3,000 to $50,000. No person or entity is eligible to receive more than $50,000 in RUST grant funds.

This is not a reimbursement program. Work cannot begin until you have a signed agreement.

Eligibility Requirements (As Amended By AB 96)

Grant applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- The grant applicant is a small business that employs fewer than 20 full-time and part-time employees, is independently owned and operated, and is not dominant in its field of operation;
- The principal office and the officers of the grant applicant are domiciled in California;
- All tanks owned and operated by the grant applicant are subject to compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 and the regulations adopted pursuant to that chapter;
- The facility where the project tank is located has sold at retail less than 900,000 gallons of gasoline annually for each of the two years preceding the submission of the grant application; (The number of gallons sold shall be based upon taxable sales figures provided to the State Board of Equalization for that facility, e.g., BOE 401-GS including schedule G.);
- The grant applicant has a current UST operating permit from the LOP/CUPA and AQMD/APCD; and
- The facility where the project tank is located was legally in business retailing gasoline after January 1, 1999.

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