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4-STATE INITIATIVE WINS OVER HALF MILLION DOLLARS TO OPEN PUBLIC E-85 AND B20 STATIONS SC, NC, GA and TN will Open 36 Pumps at 24 Public Stations



Raleigh, NC - A group of Clean Cities coalitions in the four states of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina won a \$590,000 award from the U.S. Department of Energy to open public biofuel pumps at existing gas stations in their states. All pumps will offer either E85 or B20. E85 is a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline; B20 is a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent petro-diesel.



Raleigh-based Triangle Clean Cities Coalition Coordinator Tobin Freid who led the project for the 4-state team, says, "This is just one way we work together across state boundaries as Clean Cities coalitions to get things done. We rely on each other regularly for support and information and occasionally get the opportunity to collectively apply for grants. This will make a big difference in increasing availability of these cleaner-burning, renewable fuels."



A summary of what was requested and won is listed in the below table. A total of 21 new pumps at stations along heavily traveled interstates in these areas will now offer E85, along with 15 new pumps for B20.

State - Number of coalitions	# of E85 pumps	# of B20 pumps	Locations - Cities
Georgia - 1	4	3	Macon, Perry, Robbins
North Carolina - 3	8	9	Arden, Asheville, Gaston, Gastonia, Lenoir, Raleigh, Salisbury
South Carolina - 1	7	1	Blythewood, Rock Hill, Santee, St. George, Sumter
Tennessee - 1	2	2	Cleveland, Knoxville, Ooltewah
TOTALS - 6	21	15	



The coalitions that participated in the grant application were: Triangle Clean Cities Coalition (NC), Centralina Clean Fuels Coalition (NC), Land-of-Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition (NC), Palmetto State Clean Fuels Coalition (SC), Middle Georgia Clean Cities (GA) and the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition (TN). These coalitions are part of a network of over 90 coalitions across the country working to improve air quality and reduce dependence on petroleum through the promotion of alternative fuels.

Through the assumptions included in the proposal, the effort is projected to collectively displace over 8 million gallons of petroleum over the three years of the project. The stations owners that are participating contributed over half the amount needed to win the award (almost \$750,000 and roughly 55 percent of the total project cost). Funds are included to help market the fuels in the areas where the pumps will be installed.