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This bill would appropriate \$12.5 million from the general fund to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for cost-share grants to motor fuel wholesalers and retailers that store ethanolblended fuel or sell ethanol-blended fuel to the public. Grants would be limited to 90 percent of the recipient's installation project costs.

Fuel wholesalers would be eligible to receive grants for up to two Minnesota storage sites that will store, or use tank systems to blend, motor gasoline comprised of at least 15 percent ethanol.

Fuel retailers/gas stations would be eligible for grant funding for up to 25 Minnesota fuel dispensing sites to modify or install "storage and dispensing components for at least one dispensing site that dispenses gasoline that is blended with at least 15 percent" ethanol for use in spark ignition engines.

MDA could use up to \$70,000 for administration. The \$12.5 million appropriation would be available to MDA until spent and MDA would report to the legislature by February 1 of each fiscal year in which funds are available.