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New Virginia Program Streamlines Unclaimed Property Inquiries

Virginia consumer protection law requires businesses to turn unclaimed property over to the state, relieving the business of the financial liability. The state holds the unclaimed property as the custodian until the rightful owner, or heir, files a claim. The Commonwealth recently introduced a new program and website to manage the administration, reporting, and claims process. This website instantly creates claims and allows claimants to securely upload their supporting documentation from any smartphone or computer. It also has a fast-track processing feature that will expedite any claims that can be quickly verified by the system. It can be used to check for personal and business unclaimed property.

To access, [click here](#).

Reminder: November 21 Deadline for Grant Applications for Funds for Installation of Higher Blend Ethanol and Biodiesel Infrastructure

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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced in August the availability of approximately \$100 million in competitive national grants to eligible entities for activities designed to expand the sales and use of renewable fuels under the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP).

According to the USDA, cost-share grants of up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs but not more than \$5 million will be made available to assist transportation fueling and fuel distribution facilities with converting to higher blend status for ethanol (i.e., greater than 10 percent ethanol) and biodiesel (greater than 5 percent biodiesel) by sharing the costs related to the installation, and/or retrofitting, and/ or otherwise upgrading of dispenser/ pumps, related equipment, and infrastructure. The \$100 million is currently available to support a variety of fueling operations, including filling stations, convenience stores and larger retail stores that also sell fuel. The funds will also support fleet facilities including rail and marine, fuel distribution facilities, fuel terminal and midstream operations, distribution facilities, and as well as home heating oil distribution centers.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE USDA HBIIP](#)

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