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Greenleaf Biofuels awarded \$1.3M grant

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Guilford, Conn.-based biofuels developer [Greenleaf Biofuels LLC](#) has landed a \$1.3 million grant from the State of Connecticut to build an alternative feedstock biodiesel production facility in New Haven harbor.

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The grant is backed by Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development and administered through the [Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology](#). The grant program -- which totals more than \$3 million to private companies and university research groups -- was originally announced last December and aims to "test biofuel quality and study different production methods and feedstocks."

The New Haven harbor plant is expected to be completed in early 2010 and be capable of producing 6.7 million gallons of biodiesel annually from recycled waste materials, such as used cooking oil. When fully operational, the plant will produce pure non-fossil, environmentally friendly heating oil and transportation fuels that can be used as direct replacements or as supplements to conventional petroleum distillates, according to a statement from Greenleaf Biofuels.

The [Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology](#) also sent smaller amounts of funding to the University of New Haven, Yale University, DBS Energy Inc. in Berlin, BioDiesel One Ltd. in Southington and CT Biodiesel LLC in Suffield, under the same program.

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