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The Energy Department announced today that it finalized \$20 million in funding for 10 projects under its Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy program that were initially approved under the Obama administration.

DOE said it was "honoring additional commitments" and using the money to round out the approval process for projects selected as part of ARPA-E's Next-Generation Energy Technologies for Connected and Automated On-Road Vehicles program and Renewable Energy to Fuels Through Utilization of Energy-Dense Liquids program.

DOE had approved a trio of projects last month, lifting the hold it had placed on the program's projects.

NEXTCAR projects aim to reduce vehicle energy consumption by 20 percent, while REFUEL projects will use water, molecules from the air and electricity from renewable sources to produce high-energy liquid fuels.

President Donald Trump's 2018 budget proposal called for eliminating ARPA-E entirely. But lawmakers approved an omnibus funding package at the beginning of May that increased ARPA-E's budget through September by \$15 million, to a total of \$306 million.

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