

Investing in America through the
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling
State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet
Minnesota



Grant Recipient Information

Name: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Conduct a waste characterization study evaluating the types of materials generated and discarded in Minnesota and their relative prominence in Minnesota's waste stream.
- Advance infrastructure for solid waste data.

Overview of Minnesota's Planned Activities

Minnesota will determine parameters for a Minnesota-specific waste characterization study. The study will allow Minnesota and others to make informed and strategic decisions on which materials to prioritize for prevention and recycling programs. Minnesota will harmonize material categories and subcategories and their definitions, harmonize sampling and sorting methods (including ways to account for geographical differences, seasonal changes, and different sources of waste), and choose a way to identify and recruit facilities where sampling may occur. The study will involve waste sorting events. Finally, Minnesota will focus on improving the state's ability to track progress toward national and state goals by developing metadata and creating a relational database structure for reported data. The reported data will be linked to a new waste characterization study and a life cycle assessment tool to produce estimates of greenhouse gas produced annually.

SWIFR Grants for States and Territories

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest EPA investment in recycling in 30 years to support National Recycling Strategy implementation and build a circular economy for all. As part of the Investing in America agenda, this funding can be used to develop or update plans to advance post-consumer materials management, implement those plans, and to improve data collection efforts. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

EPA will make the award to Minnesota once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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