

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



Grant Recipient Information

Name: New Mexico Environment Department

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Highlights

- Develop a baseline waste characterization study.
- Strengthen existing data collection efforts for the Solid Waste Facility Annual Report.
- Facilitate statewide implementation and awareness of the New Mexico Solid Waste Management Plan.

Overview of New Mexico's Planned Activities

New Mexico seeks to improve post-consumer materials management in the state through planning, data collection, and the implementation of an updated Solid Waste Management Plan. New Mexico will perform program management and supervision, cooperative agreement administration, fiscal and contract management, program enhancement, and the strengthening of comprehensive data collection efforts that demonstrate progress toward the National Recycling Goal and the Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal. The state will conduct a baseline waste characterization study to assess the existing effectiveness of waste management programs. Then it will develop a plan to advance post-consumer materials management and strengthen existing data collection efforts by updating its solid waste management plan. This update will be informed by the gaps identified within the waste characterization study. New Mexico also will facilitate statewide implementation and awareness of the plan by conducting outreach with partners to help implement the plan and anticipated deliverables.

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 New Mexico once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

