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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Program Overview

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling State and Territory Grants

Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division
U.S. EPA Office of Resource Conservation & Recovery





Agenda

- Introduction
- Funding Opportunity Overview
- Notice of Intent to Participate
- Resources
- Questions and Answers





Introduction

Goals of the Webinar

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Provide an overview of the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling funding opportunity for states and territories

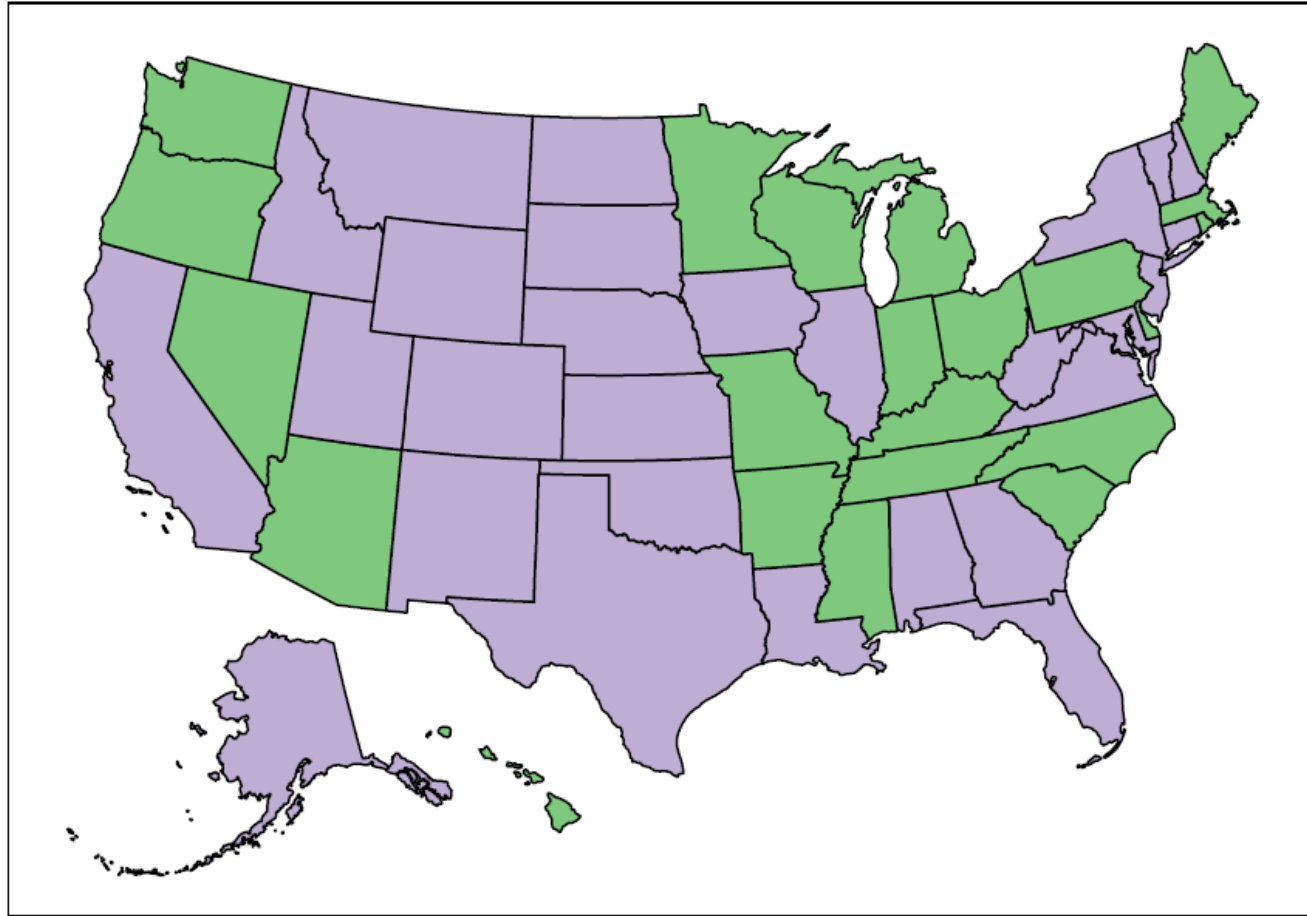
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Clarify information and answer questions about the scope, notice of intent to participate and overall process



States That Collect Recycling Data

Does your state collect data on the total amount of residential materials collected through curbside programs annually?



- Congress directed EPA to collect recycling information from States and Territories in 2022
- Findings:
 - 54% of state respondents do not track the total amounts of materials collected in residential curbside recycling programs
 - States and Territories need more resources to collect and improve recycling data

Yes No



Circular Economy Strategy Series

 **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**

 Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

 Recycling Education and Outreach Grants

 Battery Collection Best Practices and Labeling Guidelines



Objectives:

- A. Improve Markets for Recycling Commodities
- B. Increase Collection and Improve Materials Management Infrastructure
- C. Reduce Contamination in the Recycled Materials Stream
- D. Enhance Policies to Support Recycling
- E. Standardize Measurement and Increase Data Collection

EPA is establishing a 10-year vision that embraces circularity, sustainable materials management, addresses climate change, and environmental justice.



Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program



SWIFR Grant Program

Grants
for Political Subdivisions

Webinars:
December 5, 7, 13, 19

Grants for Tribes and
Intertribal Consortia
Coming Soon!

Grants for States
and Territories

Webinars:
December 1, 19 & January 3



Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program

- Grant program for education and outreach projects that:
 - inform the public about recycling programs,
 - provide information about recycled materials and/or,
 - increase collection rates and decrease contamination.
- Total estimated funding for REO in Fiscal Year 2023 is approximately **\$30,000,000**.
- EPA anticipates awarding approximately 25 grants, with at least one grant per EPA region in amounts ranging from **\$250,000-\$2,000,000** per award.

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Funding Opportunity Overview

Eligible Applicants

- The eligible applicants for this funding opportunity are:
 - 50 U.S. states including Washington, DC
 - Puerto Rico; Virgin Islands; Guam; American Samoa and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
- No more than one award will be made per state or territory.





Funding Available

- **\$30M total** for round one
- Funding per award is based on a formula: **\$300K - \$500K** plus additional funds based on programmatic factors (up to a max of \$1.5M).
- *EPA intends to provide more funds to states and territories with less-developed waste management systems in place*
- **No match** is required
- Not eligible for inclusion with a performance partnership grants (PPGs)
- May be included in territories' consolidated grants under the Omnibus Territories Act



Post-Consumer Materials Management

- Municipal solid waste:
 - Plastics,
 - Organics (food and yard trimmings)
 - Paper
 - Metal
 - Glass, *etc.*
- Construction and demolition materials:
 - Concrete
 - Asphalt
 - Steel, *etc.*



Post-Consumer Materials Management

- Management pathways:
 - Source reduction/Waste prevention
 - Recover, Reuse, Repair, Refurbish, Recycle
 - Composting
 - Rendering
 - Anaerobic digestion
 - Animal feed/ feeding animals



Scope of Work

- Projects for **states and territories** may include:
 - 1. Develop or update plans** to advance post-consumer materials management
 - 2. Develop, strengthen, and/or implement comprehensive data collection** efforts that demonstrate progress towards the National Recycling Goal and Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal
 - 3. Support** the state-led implementation of plans
- Only for territories: **equipment** and **construction**





Notice of Intent to Participate

What is a Notice of Intent to Participate?

- States and Territories that wish to receive this funding **must submit a Notice of Intent to Participate** (NOIP) to the EPA.
- A NOIP is simply an email to the EPA indicating that they wish to accept or decline the SWIFR funds. (SWIFR@epa.gov)
- You are welcome to use the Letter of Intent Optional Template that was included in the letter announcing the program as an enclosure.
- The NOIP is due to EPA by December 15, 2022.



Example of Notice of Intent to Participate

Letter of Intent Optional Template

Solid Waste Infrastructure Recycling (SWIFR) Grants to States and Territories Notice of Intent to Participate

To: EPA Headquarters [SWIFR@epa.gov] and EPA Region [Use Regional Chart below to determine Regional Contacts]

From: [Authorized State Official's name]
[State and Agency Name]

Subject Line: Notice of Intent from [State or Territory name] for SWIFR Grant Funding

On behalf of [State] [Agency], I [select: **ACCEPT** / **DECLINE**] EPA's offer to participate in the SWIFR State and Territory Grant Opportunity.

Contact Information:

	Programmatic or Financial Contact
Name:	
Title:	
Department/Office:	
Email:	
Phone:	

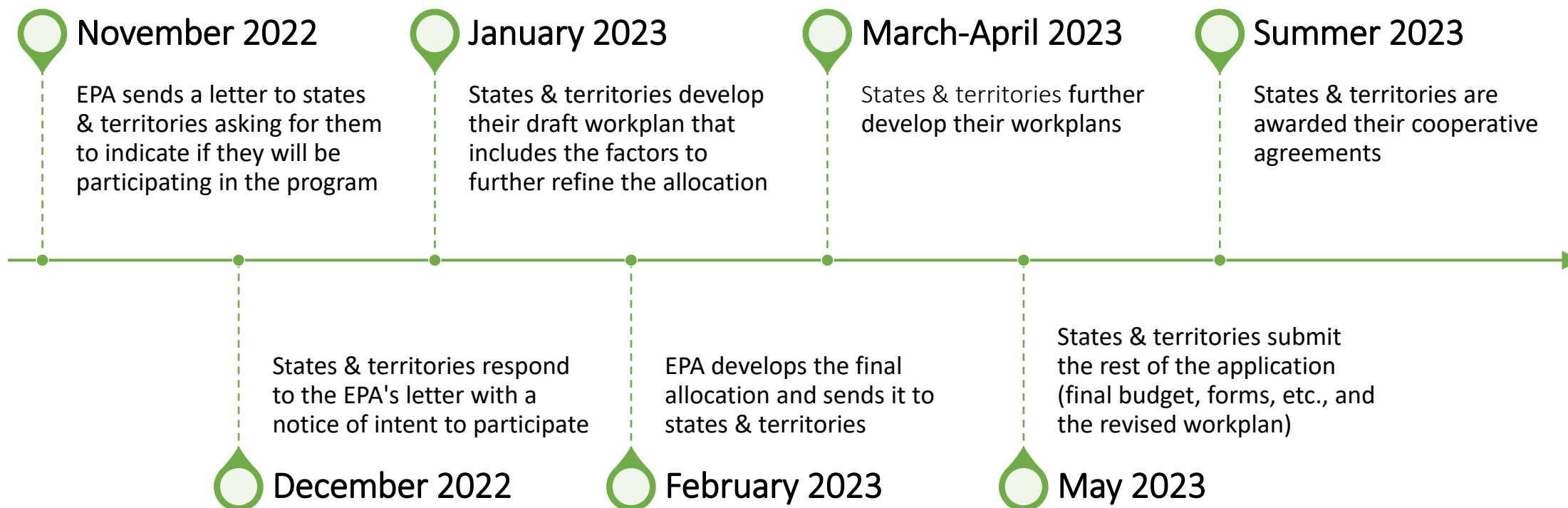


Notice of Intent to Participate Process

1. The EPA electronically sent letters to state and territory governors on November 15 to identify **which states or territories wish to participate.**
2. State or Territory submits the NOIP to the EPA (SWIFR@epa.gov) and EPA Region by **December 15, 2022**
 - The NOIP must be from an official within the governor's office, the director of the designated agency, or other authorized official.
3. The EPA will confirm receipt of the NOIP and will work with the states and territories to answer questions and resolve any issues.



Process and Timeline



General EPA Grant Requirements

- ***Register Now!*** SAM.gov registrations are taking a month or more to complete!
- You must have an active SAM registration in SAM.gov to apply for the grant.
- Once your SAM.gov account is active, you must register in Grants.gov.





Resources

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- *The EPA SWIFR State/Territory Website:*
 - <https://www.epa.gov/rcra/grants-states-and-territories>
- *Prepare for a Grant Application Website:*
 - <https://www.epa.gov/rcra/prepare-grant-application>
- *The EPA Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients:*
 - www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-management-training-applicants-and-recipients



Regional Contacts

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Region 10: Alaska, Idaho, Ore., Wash.	Melissa Winters Domenic Calabro	Winters.Melissa@epa.gov Calabro.Domenic@epa.gov



Upcoming Webinars for the SWIFR Grant Program for States and Territories

- Dates:
 - December 19, 2022 from 2:00-3:30 PM EST
 - January 3, 2023 from 6:00-7:00 PM EST
- Purpose:
 - Review program guidance and workplans
 - Answer additional questions
- Register online!







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