

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet New York City Department of Sanitation

## Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** New York City Department of Sanitation  
**Project Location:** New York, New York  
**Project Title:** Curbside Organics Collection Program Expansion and Outreach Campaign

## Highlights

- Serves 1,126 disadvantaged census tracts.
- Develops an extensive curbside composting program.

## EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 2

## Grant Funding: \$2,000,000

The city's sanitation department will conduct education and outreach to support citywide expansion of the city's current curbside composting program. A citywide multimedia educational campaign will promote participation and improvement in the program, expand targeted engagement, and focus on disadvantaged communities. These efforts will be supplemented by additional community-focused engagement led by the department and partner organizations.

## REO Grants

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 supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. REO grant funding can be used to inform the public about residential or community recycling programs, provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program, and increase collection rates and decrease contamination in residential and community recycling programs. 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. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires that 20% of the grant funding go to communities that are low-income, rural or Native American.

EPA will make the award to the New York City Department of Sanitation once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## Other Recycling Grant Funding in New York

[New York SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

[Chemung County SWIFR Communities Grant](#)

