

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Community Grant Fact Sheet

Providence, Rhode Island

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: City of Providence, RI
Project Title: Recycling and Food Waste Infrastructure Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 1

Highlights

- Expands food waste diversion infrastructure for businesses, institutions, and households.
- Expands municipal recycling collection.
- Creates 12–15 temporary jobs and 20 permanent jobs.

Grant Funding: \$3,348,166

The City of Providence, RI will support infrastructure expansions for food waste diversion for businesses, institutions, and households, along with technical assistance to support best practices for diversion. The city also will expand and enhance its municipal recycling collection with a pilot program for businesses and replacing curbside totes for the neighborhoods with the highest contamination of recycling streams. Every household will receive information on the recycling programs, and legacy totes will receive updated recycling stream labels. The city will purchase 10 pieces of equipment and 22,400 bins, create 20 permanent jobs, and reduce CO₂ emissions by 18,551 tons annually.

SWIFR Grants for Communities

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. SWIFR Community grant funding can be used to establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste. 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 the City of Providence once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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