

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Community Grant Fact Sheet

Hawai'i County, Hawaii

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Hawai'i County, HI

Project Title: Reuse Infrastructure for a City-Scale Reusable Food Ware and Refillable Bottle System in Hilo, Hawai'i

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$1,522,130

Hawai'i County, HI will design and implement a city-scale reusable food ware and refillable bottle system in Hilo, Hawai'i, designed by and for the whole community. This proposal requests funding for reuse collection bins, transport vehicles and crates/totes, a dishwashing machine, Quick Response code scanners, and a technology platform to support asset tracking and management, as well as funding to install or equip the infrastructure. The project management, community engagement, and technical expertise work is already funded through philanthropic grants. This project will result in 1 million uses of reusable food ware in place of disposable food ware and reduction of disposable food ware by 500 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 Hawai'i County once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

SWIFR State Grant Program Fact Sheet:

[Hawaii SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

Highlights

- Creates a city-wide reusable food ware and refillable bottle system.
- Serves a coastal community.
- Creates five management jobs and 10–20 operations jobs.