

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **Bandera County Committee on Aging**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Bandera County Committee on Aging
Project Location: Hill Country, TX
Project Title: Hill Country Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Project

Highlights

- Benefits 14 rural and disadvantaged communities.
- Creates a multimedia outreach campaign to inform residents of recycling.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$704,736

Bandera County's project will inform residents of rural and disadvantaged communities about new and existing recycling programs. Drawing on relationships with volunteers and community partners, the Committee on Aging will conduct an extensive outreach and education campaign, including community events, door-to-door outreach, social media outreach, radio, newspaper ads and billboards. Anticipated long-term impacts include more recycling participation, a higher volume of recycled materials collected, more recycling sites and less contamination in the recycling stream.

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 Bandera County once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Other Recycling Grant Funding in Texas

[Texas SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

[City of Austin SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet](#)

