

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District
Project Location: Albuquerque, NM
Project Title: Educating the Next Generation: Place-Based Food Waste Reduction and Compost Recycling Initiative

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$590,319

Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District's project will conduct an education and outreach campaign focusing on disadvantaged, low-income, and food-desert communities. CSWCD will collaborate with schools to develop and implement multi-school sustainable food waste reduction initiatives and composting pilot projects that—with support from local partners—can be shared throughout CSWCD with the public and other schools. The project will include teaching educators and students about composting, helping students develop educational materials, and building community outreach and project longevity through school-based programs.

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 Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Other Recycling Grant Funding in New Mexico

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

Highlights

- Benefits 54 disadvantaged census tracts.
- Creates a long-term education campaign through student involvement.

