

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **Minnesota Composting Council** 

### **Selected Grant Recipient**

Name: Minnesota Composting Council Project Location: Minnesota Project Title: Minnesota Composting Council

### **EPA Information**

Region: EPA Region 5

# Highlights

- Benefits at least four communities (150,000 households).
- Creates an accessible education toolkit and a robust education campaign.

## Grant Funding: \$934,937

The Minnesota Composting Council will develop a toolkit that communities in the state—and the nation—can use to increase participation and decrease contamination in their residential drop-off or curbside organics recycling programs. The toolkit will include customizable templates to promote organics recycling programs, best management practice documents for promotion, and contamination reduction documents. Project effectiveness will be measured using metrics that include participation rates, reach rates, diversion rates and contamination rates.

## **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 Minnesota Composting Council once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## Other Recycling Grant Funding in Minnesota

Minnesota SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet

City of Minneapolis SWIFR Communities Grant

