

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **Institute for Local Self-Reliance Inc.**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Institute for Local Self-Reliance Inc.
Project Location: Nationwide (based in D.C.)
Project Title: Community Composting Education and Outreach Project

EPA Information

Region: Nationwide (based in D.C.)

Grant Funding: \$1,428,214

This project will grow local composting around the country by expanding access to training and public outreach materials that elevate the benefits of composting. It will also support and grow the network of community-based composters via workshops, podcasts, webinars, networking, and development of resources and best practices, as well as develop and launch an online hub of tools for community members, community composters, and local governments to advance community-scale composting. This project will expand on the online Community Composting 101 Certificate Program developed in 2022 and build a social platform for members of the Community Composter Coalition. The project will also research, design, and create an online interactive Local Composting Toolkit.

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 communities that have historically been 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 Institute for Local Self-Reliance Inc. once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Cultivates community composting efforts nationwide.
- Educates the public on how and why to compost.
- Develops readily available multilingual resources for stakeholders seeking to initiate or enhance composting programs.



Other Recycling Grant Funding in Washington, D.C.

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