

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **Osceola County** 

## **Selected Grant Recipient**

Name: Osceola County Project Location: Osceola County, FL Project Title: Responsible Recycling Osceola

## **EPA Information**

Region: EPA Region 4

# Highlights

- Benefits 45.7% of people in Osceola County who belong to a racial minority.
- Creates the Responsible Recycling Osceola Project to inform residents about recycling.

# Grant Funding: \$753,756

Osceola County will use digital media and in-person events to reach Osceola residents. This project will introduce an educational campaign aimed at county residents and businesses to help them understand glass recycling and how their behaviors can help promote responsible recycling. The educational campaign incorporates a mobile glass pulverizing demonstration project showing residents how glass can be recycled and reused locally as sand for sandbags, glass mulch, trail cover material and more.

# **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 Osceola County once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

# Other Recycling Grant Funding in Florida

Florida SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet

Nassau County SWIFR Communities Grant Fact Sheet

