



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: New Funding Overview

Solid Waste and Recycling Infrastructure and Education and Outreach Grant
Programs

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Session Goals

- **Share information about new Bipartisan Infrastructure Law programs related to recycling.**
 - Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program
 - Model Recycling Program Toolkit
 - Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program
- **Gather feedback to inform:**
 - Grant program design
 - Grant implementation
 - Model Recycling Program Toolkit design



Circular Economy Strategy Series

 **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)**

 Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

 Recycling Education and Outreach Grants

 Battery Collection Best Practices and Labeling Guidelines



Objectives:

- A. Improve Markets for Recycling Commodities
- B. Increase Collection and Improve Materials Management Infrastructure
- C. Reduce Contamination in the Recycled Materials Stream
- D. Enhance Policies to Support Recycling
- E. Standardize Measurement and Increase Data Collection

EPA is establishing a 10-year vision that embraces circularity, sustainable materials management, addresses climate change, and environmental justice.





Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program

What is the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program?

Total Funding: \$275M

- \$55 million/year from FY22-FY26
- Available until expended

Goals:

- Support improvements to recycling programs, post-consumer materials management, and waste management infrastructure
- Justice40 covered program

Eligible Entities:

- U.S. States and political subdivisions of states
- Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
- District of Columbia
- Federally recognized tribal governments
- Former tribal reservations in Oklahoma (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)
- Alaskan Native Villages as defined in Public Law 92-203
- Intertribal Consortia consistent with the requirements in 40 CFR 35.504(a)



What infrastructure activities are eligible for funding?

- The SOS 2.0 Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law broadly define projects that are eligible for recycling infrastructure funding.
- The EPA Administrator may provide grants to:
 - Implement the strategy developed under section 301(a)
 - Support improvements to local post-consumer materials management, including municipal recycling programs; and
 - Assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems.





Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program and Model Recycling Program Toolkit

What is the Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program?



Total Funding: \$75M

- 15 million/year from FY22-FY26
- Available until expended

Goals:

- Support education and outreach on consumer recycling and waste prevention
- Inform public on what is accepted in community recycling program
- Increase collection rates and decrease contamination in recycling
- Justice40 covered program (in addition to 20% minimum legislative set-aside for low-income, rural, or communities identified as Native American)

Eligible entities:

- U.S. States, including the District of Columbia
- Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
- Local governments
- Federally recognized tribal governments
- Native Hawaiian organizations, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Non-profit organizations
- Public-private partnerships



What outreach and education activities are eligible for funding?

- Public service announcements
- Door-to-Door education and outreach campaigns
- Social media and digital outreach
- Advertising campaigns
- Toolkits for municipal and/or commercial recycling programs
- Labeling/Signs
- Information on the benefits of recycling
- Business recycling outreach
- What happens after the recycling bin
- Information on the importance of quality in the recycling stream
- Other activities determined appropriate to carry out to meet the goals of the grant program



What is the Model Recycling Program Toolkit?

- A standardized set of terms and examples to describe materials that are accepted by a residential recycling program
- Information that can be widely applied across residential recycling programs
- Best practices for the collection and processing of recycled materials
- A community self-assessment guide to identify gaps in existing recycling program
- Training modules that enable States and nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance to units of local government
- Access to consumer educational materials that states, tribes, and units of local government can adapt and use in recycling programs
- A guide to measure the effectiveness of a grant received under the Education and Outreach grant program



EPA Next Steps: Requests for Information



- Requests for Information published June 9 in the Federal Register!
 - Education and Outreach Grant Program & Model Recycling Program Toolkit (closes July 25)
 - Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program (closes July 25)
 - Battery Collection Best Practices and Voluntary Labeling Program (closes July 11)
- Comments received will be used to inform program development
- Links to dockets for comment submission also are available on EPA's web site



To access RFIs: <https://www.epa.gov/rcra/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-transforming-us-recycling-and-waste-management>



Thank you!

- Sign up to *Stay Connected* to learn more about grants, future strategies and reports: <https://www.epa.gov/recyclingstrategy/forms/stay-connected>
- Training for Grant Applicants: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/recipient-training-opportunities>
- RFIs: <https://www.epa.gov/rcra/bipartisan-infrastructure-law-transforming-us-recycling-and-waste-management>
- Questions? Email: RecyclingEd@epa.gov (Recycling Education and Outreach); or SWIFR@epa.gov (Solid Waste Infrastructure and Recycling)



THANK YOU!

