

Investing in America through the  
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling  
State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet  
**North Carolina**



### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 4

### Highlights

- Conduct a statewide materials management optimization study.
- Advance North Carolina's statewide materials management campaigns.
- Provide grant funding to local governments and state agencies to advance post-consumer materials management.

### Overview of North Carolina's Planned Activities

North Carolina will conduct a statewide materials management optimization study, which will include a waste characterization study, a market assessment for key commodities (e.g., plastic and food waste), a gap analysis of statewide Materials Recovery Facility capacity and effectiveness, a recycling hub and spoke infrastructure assessment, and other components as appropriate. The materials management campaigns will focus on advancing *Recycle Right NC* and *Use the Food NC* through various outlets including radio, television, billboards, advertisements and print media. North Carolina will also conduct coordinated statewide messaging to increase recycling, decrease contamination in the recycling stream, and reduce the amount of wasted food. Finally, North Carolina will provide grant funding to local governments to identify best practices to improve their post-consumer materials management programs through education and outreach. This project will aim to achieve improved public awareness of actions that reduce landfill disposal and support a circular economy.

### SWIFR Grants for States and Territories

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 can be used to develop or update plans to advance post-consumer materials management, implement those plans, and to improve data collection efforts. 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.

EPA will make the award to North Carolina once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

### SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet

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