Investing in America through the
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling
State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet
Puerto Rico



### **Grant Recipient Information**

**EPA Information** 

Name: Puerto Rico Department of Natural and

Region: EPA Region 2

**Environmental Resources** 

# **Highlights**

- Amend the Law for Reduction and Recycling of Solid Wastes in Puerto Rico to reflect updated statistics and recycling market information.
- Train DNER staff and Municipal Recycling Coordinators.
- Improve the data methodology and system for recycling information.

#### Overview of Puerto Rico's Planned Activities

Puerto Rico will amend Act No. 70 of September 18, 1992—the Law for Reduction and Recycling of Solid Wastes in Puerto Rico—with current statistical and other information. Information developed will include new technologies, and details on recycling markets and the current recycling material stream. Puerto Rico also will train personnel and Municipal Recycling Coordinators in solid waste management and recycling through symposiums, university trainings and forums. Puerto Rico will prioritize increasing and standardizing data efforts and improving its solid waste data collection system.

### **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 Puerto Rico once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## **SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet**

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