

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program

About the Grant Program

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program is a new grant program authorized by the <u>Save Our Seas 2.0 Act</u> and funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also referred to as <u>the Bipartisan Infrastructure</u> <u>Law</u>, provides \$275 million for Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grants to support <u>Building a Better America</u>. This is allocated as \$55 million per year from Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026 to remain available until expended. EPA was provided an additional \$2.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022 funding to implement the program.

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling program provides grants to <u>implement a</u> <u>strategy</u> to improve post-consumer materials management and infrastructure; support improvements to local post-consumer materials management and recycling programs; and assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems.

Types of Grants

The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program is divided into several funding opportunities. Learn more about each of the grants:

- State and Territory Grant Program.
- Political Subdivisions Grant Program.
- Tribal Grant Program (coming soon!).

State and Territory Grants

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Overview

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$275,000,000 total from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2026 for grants authorized under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act. EPA will make available \$30,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 for states and territories to improve post-consumer materials management programs through planning, data collection, and the implementation of plans.

Eligible Applicants

The entities eligible to apply for this funding opportunity are:

• U.S. States, including Washington, D.C.

• U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands).

Eligible Activities

Funding can be used for three categories of activities:

- 1. **Develop or update plans to advance post-consumer materials management.** Plans can be for Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 256 solid waste management plans or other planning documents (e.g., circular economy plans).
- Develop, strengthen, and/or implement comprehensive data collection efforts that demonstrate progress toward the National Recycling Goal and Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal. Data collection and measurement efforts should be designed to improve the state's ability to track progress towards national and state recycling and/or circular economy goals. Data collection efforts could include state-wide or other targeted waste characterization studies.
- 3. **Support the state-led implementation of plans** to advance post-consumer materials management.

How to Apply

States and territories that wish to receive this funding must submit a Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) to the EPA. The NOIP indicates to EPA that the state or territory is interested in the program. States and territories must submit a NOIP by email to <u>SWIFR@epa.gov</u> and their regional contact listed below by December 15, 2022. The NOIP must be from an official within the governor's office, the director of the designated agency, or other authorized official. EPA sent a NOIP template to states and territories that they may use for their submittals.

Regional Contacts

If you're state or territory interested in learning more, contact state/regional representative.

EPA Region	EPA Regional Representative	Email Address
Region 1: Conn., Maine, Mass., N.H., R.I., Vt.	Frank Gardner	Gardner.Frank@epa.gov
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Region 3: Del., Washington, D.C., Md., Pa., Va., W.Va.	Melissa Pennington	Pennington.Melissa@epa.gov

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Webinars

EPA will hold four webinars about this funding opportunity. The first two webinars will be held on:

Date	Time (Eastern)	Registration
November 29, 2022	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Coming soon
December 1, 2022	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Coming soon

In these webinars, EPA will provide an overview of the grant program and the notice of intent to participate. We will cover the same material in both webinars. We will also answer questions.

The second two webinars will be held on:

Date	Time (Eastern)	Registration
December 19, 2022	2:00 - 3:30 pm	Coming soon
January 3, 2023	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Coming soon

EPA will cover the program guidance and workplans in these webinars. We will cover the same material in both webinars. We will also answer questions.

Updates and Questions

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If you have questions about the grants, email <u>SWIFR@epa.gov</u>.