

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



Grant Recipient Information

Name: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Evaluate the current composition of generated and recyclable materials in Alaska and assess data gaps.
- Compile data on municipal solid waste, construction and demolition waste, and recycling and composting programs.
- Develop a summary report of current policy and data needs along with recommendations to improve recycling in Alaska.

Overview of Alaska's Planned Activities

Alaska will evaluate, compile, and report on municipal solid waste, construction and demolition waste, and composting and recycling programs in the state. The data collection effort will include the development of a quality assurance project plan; an assessment of data gaps; and consultation with other states, tribes, and municipal solid waste organizations. The state will ensure consistency by creating and applying standardized metrics for measurement and will use the resulting information to identify challenges and barriers to recycling. Alaska will explore digital options to store the data, which will support regular updates and continued analysis of recycling trends in the state. As a result of this review, Alaska will develop a summary report of current policy and data needs in conjunction with recommendations to improve the state of recycling in Alaska.

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 Alaska once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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