

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **We Don't Waste, Inc.**

## Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** We Don't Waste, Inc.  
**Project Location:** Denver, CO  
**Project Title:** Don't Waste Denver

## EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 8

## Grant Funding: \$809,665

The Don't Waste Denver project will reduce food waste and methane emissions using a multifaceted approach, including education resources and workshops for schools, consumers and businesses along with social media campaigns and engagement opportunities for community members. All activities support the prevention, reduction and diversion of food waste, as well as responsible composting and recycling.

## Highlights

- Reduces food waste and methane emissions.
- Serves low-income communities.
- Provides recycling, composting and food waste education to all Denverites while primarily targeting low-income participants.

## REO Grants

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 supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. REO grant funding can be used to inform the public about residential or community recycling programs, provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program, and increase collection rates and decrease contamination in residential and community recycling programs. 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. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires that 20% of the grant funding go to communities that are low-income, rural or Native American.

EPA will make the award to We Don't Waste, Inc., once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## Other Recycling Grant Funding in Colorado

[Colorado SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

[Chaffee County SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet](#)

