

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Political Subdivisions Fact Sheet City of Chicago, Illinois

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: City of Chicago

Project Title: Chicago Curbside Yard Waste Collection Pilot Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Creates 13 permanent full-time jobs
- Purchases 14,480 95-gallon carts
- Results in diversion of 6,048 tons of yard waste from households

Grant Funding: \$4,999,988

The City of Chicago Department of Streets & Sanitation will establish a curbside yard waste collection pilot program. Funding will be used to hire staff to collect yard waste on a year-round, biweekly schedule along 60 collection routes that would service roughly 36,000 households. The yard waste collected will be diverted from landfills to composting. EPA funding will also be used to purchase a portion of the yard waste collection carts needed, print and distribute outreach mailers to eligible households along the new service routes, and purchase small bags of finished compost to distribute to interested households to educate about the benefits of composting yard waste and incentivize participation.

SWIFR Grants for Political Subdivisions

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR grant funding can be used to establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate, and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste.

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