

## Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Political Subdivisions Fact Sheet City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** City of Pittsburgh

**Project Title:** Pittsburgh's yard waste and recycling collection and outreach modernization initiative

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 3

**Grant Funding:** \$1,666,217

The City of Pittsburgh will enhance its yard waste curbside collection as part of a broader effort to improve organics recycling and divert waste from landfills. The project includes distributing paper yard waste bags, upgrading infrastructure at recycling and yard waste drop-off sites, and installing security measures to prevent contamination. Additionally, the City will introduce cardboard compactors to address overflow issues and purchase a recycling app for better community engagement. These improvements will address safety, capacity, and contamination issues, setting the groundwork for Pittsburgh's goal of becoming a Zero Waste City. By enhancing current services and preparing for future needs, the project will foster a circular economy, improve waste management, and support Pittsburgh's residents.

### Highlights

- Creates 4 permanent jobs
- Results in higher frequency curbside yard waste collection program, a free recycling app for residents, new collection equipment to replace thirteen open-top dumpsters, and infrastructure and security upgrades to three recycling drop-off locations.

### 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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