

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Political Subdivisions Fact Sheet Rapid City, South Dakota

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: City of Rapid City

Project Title: Transforming Rapid City's Recycling Capabilities

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 8

Grant Funding: \$4,977,265

The City of Rapid City will enhance its recycling capabilities through a comprehensive project focusing on four key components. First, the City will start a new commercial recycling program to increase collection rates, targeting 450 new accounts including schools, healthcare facilities, and businesses. Second, the project will update the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) with new sorting equipment to handle increased capacity and accept more materials like cardboard. Third, a remote recycling drop-off site will be optimized to reduce contamination by securing the site, improving layout, and staffing it to ensure proper material sorting. Lastly, the City will launch public awareness initiatives to educate residents on recycling practices and promote the new commercial program and optimized site. This initiative aims to increase material diversion by 18,576 tons, double recycling participation, and reduce contamination by 30%.

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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Highlights

- Provides recycling access to 450 new businesses, hospitals, schools, and apartment complexes.
- Creates 6 full time jobs