

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Political Subdivisions Fact Sheet City of Unalaska, Alaska

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: City of Unalaska

Project Title: Unalaska – Developing Recycling Infrastructure and Vehicle End-of-life (DRIVE)

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$3,800,480

The project is designed to tackle several critical areas to enhance the region's recycling and waste management capabilities. Central to the initiative is a program dedicated to processing and removing abandoned vehicles, which will help clear up space and reduce environmental hazards. To support this effort, the project includes the acquisition of processing equipment and storage units, which will facilitate efficient material sorting and shipment. Recognizing the importance of community involvement, a public education program will be launched to inform residents about proper recycling procedures and the safe disposal of hazardous materials. Additionally, the project places a strong emphasis on workforce development, either by hiring new personnel or providing training for those dedicated to vehicle processing and recycling. Finally, all project investments are carefully planned to ensure they are sustainable and beneficial in the long term, reinforcing the community's commitment to environmental stewardship.

Highlights

- Benefits local businesses such as towing and construction companies
- Creates a staging and processing area for abandoned vehicles, a car crusher, three recyclable material storage bins, and a new scale for tracking residential waste tonnage

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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