



## Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of Planning and Development

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 9

### Highlights

- Purchase equipment and vehicles, construct a building, and hire employees to support the implementation of the territory's goal of ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- Track data and report activities.

### Overview of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' Planned Activities

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will undertake several activities on the islands of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan to support the sustainable consumption and production on the islands. The Commonwealth will buy, transport, and install two horizontal balers to process municipal solid waste in preparation for recycling; purchase and build a small building on Rota to house the balers, related electrical controls, and recycled commodities; and purchase excavators on assist with recycling scrap metal. The Commonwealth also will purchase a paper shredder and a degausser, which is a machine that removes data from devices like hard drives, to manage sensitive paper documents and electronic media. Two jobs will be created to undertake these activities. Finally, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will also prioritize tracking and reporting activities relating to solid waste management.

### SWIFR Grants for States and Territories

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 can be used to develop or update plans to advance post-consumer materials management, implement those plans, and to improve data collection efforts. 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.

EPA will make the award to Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

