

Investing in America through the
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling
State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet
Kentucky



Grant Recipient Information

Name: Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection and Management

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 4

Highlights

- Develop a statewide sustainable materials management plan incorporating circular economy concepts.
- Improve data through online tools to demonstrate progress.
- Support initiatives to promote recycling through education and outreach campaigns.

Overview of Kentucky's Planned Activities

Kentucky will create a new sustainable materials management plan, setting new recycling goals and a framework for future planning and decision-making on the distribution of funding and technical assistance. The plan will document accomplishments in the last 30 years and establish a baseline from which to measure improvements. It will also focus on higher landfill diversion and recycling rates, better access to and participation in recycling programs across Kentucky, and higher volume and quality of materials being recycled. Kentucky will start with a baseline Economic Impact of Recycling Study and a Circular Economy study to guide the development of the sustainable materials management plan. To improve data, Kentucky will develop a more user-friendly tool for counties and streamline review and management of recycling data, which will allow for demonstration of progress in reporting and recycling efforts. Kentucky will develop and implement a statewide model education and outreach campaign in partnership with other state agencies and environmental education groups.

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 Kentucky once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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