

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



### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 7

### Highlights

- Conduct a new waste characterization study.
- Quantify the impact of existing recycling programs.
- Identify opportunities to increase waste diversion.
- Develop recommendations for programs and policies that reduce solid waste landfilled and increase marketability of recyclable materials.

### Overview of Nebraska's Planned Activities

Nebraska will conduct a four-season waste composition study to evaluate the characteristics of its solid waste stream. This study will be compared to the state's 2007 waste composition study to identify and evaluate trends over time. A comprehensive report will be prepared including data collection and analytical techniques, a waste composition profile for the state as a whole, and a summary of findings and conclusions. With this study, Nebraska will be able to quantify the impact of existing recycling programs and identify opportunities to improve waste management, including the opportunity for recyclable materials to be valued back into the marketplace. After identifying these gaps, Nebraska will develop recommendations for programs and policies that increase the diversion of materials from landfills.

### 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 Nebraska once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

