

Investing in America through the  
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling  
**State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet**  
**U.S. Virgin Islands**



### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 2

### Highlights

- Training for employees on zero waste and recycling programs.
- Provide subawards to outfit seven convenience centers with recycling equipment like compactor bins.
- Develop educational materials on recycling and waste reduction.

### Overview of the U.S. Virgin Islands' Planned Activities

The Virgin Islands will focus on reducing and preventing environmental contamination of the natural resources available in the territory. The territory will train at least 10 employees who are associated with Virgin Islands recycling programs to advance zero waste goals. It will also provide subawards to outfit seven convenience centers with recycling equipment such as compactor bins. In addition, the Virgin Islands will conduct outreach on waste reduction opportunities through an educational campaign. This campaign will include literature and other information on recycling and waste reduction, such as the benefits of waste reduction, the health impacts of single-use plastics, and best practices for residents on recycling and waste management. The territory also will host educational outreach events to engage and inform residents on recycling and 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 U.S. Virgin Islands once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

