

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



Grant Recipient Information

Name: West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 3

Highlights

- Conduct a waste characterization study.
- Draft legislation for mandatory reporting of recycling facilities.
- Analyze recycling and municipal solid waste data to determine a statewide baseline recycling rate.

Overview of West Virginia's Planned Activities

West Virginia will review all state legislation pertaining to recycling and waste reduction. The state also will draft legislation for mandatory reporting of recycling facilities. Additionally, West Virginia will conduct a waste characterization study to help identify the tons of municipal solid waste collected, recycled, composted, or managed via other pathways, which will allow for the creation of a baseline recycling rate. These activities will further allow West Virginia to make necessary improvements to legislation to advance the state of recycling in West Virginia.

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 West Virginia once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

