

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet **Recycle Hawai'i**

## Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** Recycle Hawai'i

**Project Location:** Greater Ka'ū, HI

**Project Title:** Hawai'i Youth Clean Stream Campaign and Waste-to-Wealth Initiative

## EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 9

## Grant Funding: \$1,547,635

This project will create three consecutive cohorts of Hawai'i-based Student Resource Ambassadors who will, through immersive education and project-based learning, design and launch a series of education campaigns. These campaigns will inform the public about residential or community recycling programs and offer information about recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program. The project will encourage separate collection of residential solid waste from recycled materials and will increase collection rates while decreasing contamination in residential and community recycling programs.

## REO Grants

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 supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. REO grant funding can be used to inform the public about residential or community recycling programs, provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program, and increase collection rates and decrease contamination in residential and community recycling programs. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to communities that have historically been underserved and overburdened by pollution. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires that 20% of the grant funding go to communities that are low-income, rural or Native American.

EPA will make the award to Recycle Hawai'i once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## Other Recycling Grant Funding in Hawai'i

[Hawai'i SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

[Hawai'i SWIFR Communities Grant Fact Sheet](#)

## Highlights

- Creates and trains 3 cohorts of 20 students as Student Resource Ambassadors.
- Sets up and monitors a student-led vermiculture composting program.
- Engages and empowers students from environmental justice communities.

