

Investing in America through the  
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling  
State and Territory Grant Fact Sheet  
**District of Columbia**



### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** District of Columbia Department of Public Works

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 3

### Highlights

- Enhance its operations to support the reduction, reuse, and recycling activities needed to achieve an 80% diversion rate in the District.
- Develop a solid waste management plan that includes a waste characterization study and an organics management plan.

### Overview of the District of Columbia's Planned Activities

The District of Columbia will develop, assess, and retool its operations to support the escalation of reduction, reuse, and recycling activities needed to achieve an 80% diversion rate. The solid waste management plan will include a waste characterization study and an organics management plan. The purpose of the solid waste management plan is to translate the goals and actions of the new zero waste plan into an operations plan for the District, outlining the steps they must take to achieve an 80% diversion rate. The District will extract organics management content from the solid waste management plan into an organics management plan that can be presented as an individual deliverable per the requirements of D.C. Law 23-211 Sec. 2(b)(2).

### 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 the District of Columbia once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

