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



#### **Grant Recipient Information**

Name: Maryland Department of the

Environment

#### **EPA Information**

Region: EPA Region 3

# Highlights

- Conduct an organics assessment to identify potential placement of organics recycling infrastructure.
- Design and implement statewide educational trainings and workshops to garner support of the food residual diversion law and organics recycling.
- Identify recycling infrastructure needs to support waste diversion goals.

## **Overview of Maryland's Planned Activities**

Maryland will analyze data from within Maryland to support sustainable management of food residual diversion and recovery infrastructure, perform outreach to areas where there is high potential for organics diversion, identify roadblocks associated with organics recycling and support through education, publish project results on Maryland's website, and host a food summit in 2026. Maryland also will identify existing recycling and processing infrastructure within the state, identify possible source reduction and reuse opportunities, and conduct public outreach in support of current infrastructure. Planned efforts include identifying specific infrastructure within urban environments to support a circular economy and prevent waste in overburdened and underserved communities.

#### **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 Maryland once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## **SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet**

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