

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet

Oregon Community Warehouse

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Oregon Community Warehouse

Project Location: Portland, OR

Project Title: Community Warehouse: Education and Outreach for Equitable Reuse of Household Goods

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Diverts 2,050 tons of municipal solid waste from landfills.
- Provides accessible recycling of old furniture as an alternative to illegal dumping within disadvantaged communities.

Grant Funding: \$1,595,929

Community Warehouse, in partnership with ReClaim, will engage in community education and outreach to increase the reuse, repair and refurbishing of bulky furniture and household goods containing commonly reused materials (including metal, plastics, textiles and electronics) by 50%. The outreach program will inform the public about the community recycling program and accepted materials through social media campaigns, updated signage, community mailings, public service announcements, and in person events. This project will reduce illegal dumping and provide meaningful involvement for communities with environmental justice concerns through language and disability access.

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 Community Warehouse once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Other Recycling Grant Funding in Oregon

[Oregon SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

