

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



Grant Recipient Information

Name: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 4

Highlights

- Assess the need for infrastructure development in the resource recovery sector.
- Investigate waste generated by tourists.
- Add life cycle assessment to tool for estimating waste composition and materials disposal.

Overview of Florida's Planned Activities

Florida intends to use this grant funding in three efforts. The first is the Waste Management System Capacity Study, in which Florida will assess existing processing, treatment, and disposal capacity at Florida's solid waste management and recycling facilities, identifying where infrastructure development is needed in the resource recovery sector. This study will allow for more effective plans that increase recycling and waste diversion, leading to improved waste management infrastructure and capacity. The second effort, the *Away from Home Waste and Recycling Study*, will evaluate how much of Florida's solid waste generation and disposal is attributable to out-of-state and in-state visitors, as well as what types of waste those visitors generate. This study will help identify opportunities to improve recycling rates for specific materials (e.g., aluminum cans, plastic bottles). In the third effort, Florida will update WasteCalc, the statewide tool used for estimating waste composition and materials disposal. By incorporating life cycle assessment measures into the tool, Florida can help counties understand the potential environmental impacts associated with their waste generation and management practices, informing strategies for waste reduction and recycling.

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 Florida once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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