

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



Grant Recipient Information

Name: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 4

Highlights

- Conduct a waste characterization study to support the implementation of a waste management plan.

Overview of Tennessee's Planned Activities

Tennessee will undertake a comprehensive statewide waste characterization study encompassing both urban and rural municipalities. The aim of this initiative is to establish a foundational understanding of waste composition, thereby enabling Tennessee's solid waste planners to optimize the upcoming 10-year plan development. Tennessee will draft a study design to guide its recycling efforts: an extensive, precise report that will detail the composition of municipal solid waste across the state. Through this study, Tennessee will focus efforts on executing a waste plan that will optimize recycling practices. The state will ultimately publish a final report that guides Tennessee's 10-year plan development.

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 Tennessee once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

