



EPA Funding Opportunities Overview: Regional SMM, Recycling Infrastructure, and Education and Outreach

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EPA Region 5 Sustainable Materials Management Grants

FY20

- CET (food in SW Ohio)
- SWACO (food)
- RTI International (plastics)

FY21

- CET (food)
- Make Food Not Waste (food)
- Michigan Recycling Coalition (recycling markets)
- University of Illinois at Chicago (recycling markets)

Unprecedented Congressional Support on Recycling

- 20 national legislative proposals related to recycling and food waste reduction
- EPA directed to:
 - Develop National Recycling Strategy - Commits EPA to developing additional strategies:
 - Plastics
 - Food waste/organics,**
 - Electronics
 - Issue grants to support recycling in communities



Anticipated EPA Grants to Support Recycling

- 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA):
 - Grant funding for FY22-26:
 - \$55M/yr for **Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant program**
 - Total Funding \$275M
 - \$15M/yr for **Education and Outreach on waste prevention and recycling grant program**
 - Total Funding \$75M
 - RFAs to be issued later in 2022 and 2023
 - Sign up to stay connected and learn about the grants, future strategies and reports when they are available!
epa.gov/recyclingstrategy/forms/stay-connected

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants

- \$55 million per year for five years (FY22-26)
- Goals:
 - Support improvements to recycling programs, post-consumer materials management, and waste management infrastructure
- Eligible entities:
 - States, DC, tribes, territories, and political subdivisions
- EPA's Next Steps:
 - Collect stakeholder and public input to inform grants

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycling Education and Outreach Grants

- **\$15 million per year for five years (FY22-26)**
- **Goals:**
 - Support education and outreach on recycling and waste prevention
 - Inform public on what is accepted in community recycling program
 - Increase participation and collection rates
 - Decrease contamination in recycling
- **Eligible entities:**
 - State, local, tribal governments
 - Non-profit organizations
 - Public-private partnerships
- **EPA's Next Steps:**
 - Develop Model Recycling Program Toolkit for Communities
 - Collect stakeholder and public input to inform grants

What outreach and education activities are eligible for funding?

**Public Service
Announcements**

**Door-to-Door
Education and
Outreach
Campaigns**

**Social Media and
Digital Outreach**

**Advertising
Campaigns**

**Toolkit for
Municipal and
Commercial
Recycling Program**

**Information on the
Importance of
Quality in the
Recycling Stream**

**Benefits of
Recycling**

**Business Recycling
Outreach**

**Info on What
Happens After the
Recycling Bin**

Labeling/Signs

**Other activities
determined
appropriate to
carry out**

Interested in a stakeholder input session?

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Read the Recycling Strategy:

epa.gov/recyclingstrategy

Lead or Support an Action:

epa.gov/recyclingstrategy/forms/take-action

Infrastructure Law Fact Sheet

<https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure/cleanup-revitalization-and-recycling-investments>

Ask Questions: EPArecycles@epa.gov

