

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



### Grant Recipient Information

**Name:** Washington Department of Ecology

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 10

### Highlights

- Develop and implement the NextCycle Washington circular economy accelerator program.
- Conduct outreach and communication, including efforts to reach underserved communities and businesses.
- Provide technical assistance, business development, networking, and more to those participating in the program.

### Overview of Washington's Planned Activities

Washington will develop and implement a circular economy accelerator program to support projects for waste prevention, reuse, repair, recycling, and organics. The accelerator program includes six months of training and will feature a series of workshops on business and technical planning support, networking opportunities, and pitch development. This program will culminate in a pitch competition showcasing accelerator projects in front of potential partners and investors. The statewide market development platform's objective is to provide innovative business and community projects with technical assistance, mentoring, networking, and aid in preparing pitches for funding. The circular economy accelerator program will include outreach and communication efforts to reach businesses 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 Washington once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

### SWIFR Community Grant Fact Sheet

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