

U.S. EPA MARINE DEBRIS RELATED FUNDING

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SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING GRANTS

- Under development
- Authorized by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, funded through BIL
- \$55 million per year from FY22-26 (\$275 million total)
- Will provide grants to implement a strategy to improve post-consumer materials management and infrastructure; support improvements to local post-consumer materials management and recycling programs; and assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems
 - EPA received public input → still discussion over consideration of reuse/refill systems as eligible project
- Eligible entities include U.S. States and political subdivisions of states, territories, and Tribes (NGOs can be funded indirectly)



EPA EDUCATION AND OUTREACH GRANTS

- Under development
- Authorized by the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act
- Initially funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- \$15 million per year from FY22-26 (\$75 million total)
- Will provide grants to inform the public about residential or community waste prevention or recycling programs; provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted; and increase collection rates and decrease contamination across the nation.
- Eligible entities include U.S. States, territories, Tribes, local government, NGOs, and public-private partnerships.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Environmental Finance Center Grant Program** - Provide technical support to disadvantaged communities to develop and submit project proposals focused on solid waste, clean air, toxic substances, drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater.
- **Exchange Network Grant Program** - Available to states to support better environmental decisions by promoting the use of more timely and consistent data.
- **Environmental Education Grant** - Support locally-focused environmental education projects that increase public awareness about environmental issues.
- **Environmental Justice Small Grants Program** - Support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing them.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- **Pollution Prevention Grant Program** - Provides technical assistance to businesses in order to help them develop and adopt source reduction practices.
- **Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program** - Support research, experiments, surveys, demonstration projects, education and training related to source reduction approaches like P2.
- **Coastal Watersheds Grant** - Administered by Restore America's Estuaries (RAE), provides funding to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance.

