

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Community Grant Fact Sheet

Chaffee County, Colorado

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Chaffee County, CO
Project Title: Chaffee County Colorado Transfer Station and Materials Recovery Facility

Highlights

- Creates a recyclables transfer station and materials recovery facility to increase waste diversion and recycling efficiency in a rural community with diverse populations.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 8

Grant Funding: \$3,995,000

Chaffee County, CO will design and construct a regional transfer station for recyclables and a materials recovery facility on its landfill site outside of Salida, Colorado. The transfer station and facility will measurably increase local waste diversion and reduce process-related greenhouse gas emissions by providing drop-off options for recycling for county residents that report they cannot receive or afford commercial curbside recycling services. The construction of the MRF and transfer station is anticipated to result in ~90,000 tons of material processed per year, with at least 50% of material diverted from the landfill.

SWIFR Grants for Communities

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 supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. SWIFR Community grant funding can be used to establish or optimize collection and management of materials; fund infrastructure, technology, or other improvements to reduce contamination; enhance markets for recycled commodities; and increase the diversion, recycling rate and quality of materials collected for municipal solid waste. 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 Chaffee County once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

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