

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet City of Lincoln, Nebraska

## Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** City of Lincoln, Nebraska

**Project Location:** Lincoln, NE

**Project Title:** Lincoln Recycling Education and Outreach Project

## Highlights

- Serves 14 disadvantaged communities.
- Creates an increased awareness of food waste, recyclable materials, and resource recovery to improve diversion from the landfill.

## EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 7

## Grant Funding: \$1,727,800

The Lincoln Recycling Education and Outreach Project forms three focus groups to engage minorities, new Americans, college students and low-income people living in Lincoln's 14 disadvantaged census tracts. The project will use evidence-based messaging to address barriers to recycling and food waste diversion and will develop messages and outreach materials in a variety of methods and languages. The goal of these messages is to improve food waste and recyclables diversion from the public landfill, increase curbside recycling participation, and enhance public awareness of resource recovery.

## REO Grants

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. REO grant funding can be used to inform the public about residential or community recycling programs, provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program, and increase collection rates and decrease contamination in residential and community recycling programs. 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. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires that 20% of the grant funding go to communities that are low-income, rural or Native American.

EPA will make the award to the City of Lincoln once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

## Other Recycling Grant Funding in Nebraska

[Nebraska SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

