

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FY 2024 GRANT RECIPIENTS

	State	Organization	Contact Info	Assistance
1	Alaska	Alaska Forum, Inc.	Phone: 907-230-9805 Website: http://www.akforum.org	The Alaska Forum, Inc. will provide Solid Waste Management (SWM) technical assistance and training to underserved rural Alaska communities seeking to invest in their community and improve their operational practices and quality of life for all residents. This proposal also seeks to fund the Solid Waste Technical Assistance component of the Green Star® Certification Program. In this critical component of the Green Star® Program, technical assistance will be provided to 12 rural Alaska communities seeking the Green Star® Award.
2	Alaska	Norton Sound Health Corporation	Phone: 907-443-3286 Website: https://www.nortonsoundhealth.org/	The Norton Sound Health Corporation proposes to improve solid waste management in each of the 16 underserved Alaska Native communities in the Bering Strait region. The objective is to provide solid waste management classroom trainings, conduct environmental assessments, complete PFAS sampling and provide targeted and culturally appropriate technical assistance via multiple education outreach.
3	Alaska	Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council	Phone: 907-258-3337 Website: https://www.yritwc.org/	The Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council (YRITWC) proposes to build capacity to support the YRITWC’s 53 signatory Tribes with their landfill relocation and management efforts. They will provide technical assistance to assess landfill structural integrity, facilitate community meetings to support and draft Tribal resolutions, education/awareness for waste stream reduction, landfill operator trainings and emergency response planning, and assist with Integrated Waste Management Plans.

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4	Alaska	Zender Environmental Health and Research Group	Phone: 907-277-2111 Website: https://zendergroup.org/	The Zender Environmental Health and Research Group proposes to address identified specific priority current needs of rural Alaska’s underserved economically, distressed communities. They will train and assist communities in a local-capacity building manner. They will seek health risk reductions via improving community disposal and financing behaviors via teaching technical and financial program operations—embedding sustainable practices and policies at the local level.
5	California	Earth Island Institute	Phone: 510-859-9120 Website: https://www.earthisland.org/	The Earth Island Institute proposes to provide hands-on solid waste and resilience planning and management through technical assistance and training. The project will provide direct and indirect assistance to 46 California (CA), 8 Arizona (AZ) and 20 Nevada (NV) federally recognized Tribes that provide opportunities for economic recovery, identifying and mitigating contaminants of emerging concern (CECs), protecting water and preventing climate pollution, promoting clean energy, and improving livelihoods and climate resilience.
6	District of Columbia	Rural Community Assistance Partnership, Inc.	Phone: 202-470-1583 Website: www.rcap.org	The Rural Community Assistance Partnership purposes to provide on-site technical assistance to help low-income rural and Tribal communities provide environmentally sound waste disposal programs and facilities, including alternative disposal such as composting, to their residents to protect public health and encourage economic development, especially in areas of economic distress, those with high social vulnerability, and those most at risk for climate change and environmental justice impacts.
7	Idaho	Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District	Phone: 208-716-5724 Website: www.eirswd.org	Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District (EIRSWD) proposes to provide County and EIRSWD staff with proper

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				training and certification prior to the regional landfill opening waste within the Eastern Idaho region.
8	Iowa	University of Northern Iowa	Phone: 319-273-3961 Website: https://uni.edu/	The Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) at the University of Northern Iowa proposes to implement the Rural Compost Operations and Compost Use Training Project.
9	Maine	Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments	Phone: 207-783-9186 Website: www.avcog.org	Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) proposes to provide a wide range of technical assistance and trainings to towns and/or groups of towns operating together in the tri-county AVCOG region. The program objective is to reduce the amount and toxicity of waste being disposed of and improve the resiliency of the local and regional solid waste systems.
10	Maine	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments	Phone: 207-453-4258 Website: www.kvcog.org	Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG) proposes a two-pronged solid waste management project to address low recycling rate challenges in their service region. They purpose to expand conventional recycling, food, textile, and household hazardous waste and diverting them from the waste stream and begin campaigns to reduce the amount of food residents and schools waste, and to manage food scraps from the kitchen by composting.
11	Massachusetts	Center for EcoTechnology, Inc.	Phone: 781-492-6946 Website: www.cetonline.org	The Center for EcoTechnology, Inc., proposes “Scaling Wasted Food Solutions” that will support rural communities with implementing resilient, restorative, and regenerative waste management, reduction, and recycling systems, with a specific emphasis on wasted food.
12	Mississippi	University of Southern Mississippi	Phone: 601-266-4119 Website: www.usm.edu	University of Southern Mississippi proposed project aims to pioneer and establish a plastic waste management training program for farmers in the rural areas in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, which will represent a critical step to achieving the goals of stimulating

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				economic growth, addressing climate pollution, and increasing community and business resilience.
13	New Hampshire	Lakes Region Planning Commission	Phone: 603-279-5337 Website: www.lakesrpc.org	The Lakes Region Planning Commission primary focus will reduce the quantity and toxicity of their solid waste stream, create sustainable programs for municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction & demolition (C&D) disposal and lower the costs associated with solid waste management.
14	New York	Syracuse University	Phone: 315-443-1121 Website: www.syracuse.edu	Syracuse University's main goals for the proposed project are to provide technical assistance and training for material management professionals, local leaders, and other stakeholders of rural New York and Puerto Rico. Training will increase the level of knowledge regarding waste issues and SWM solutions and provide them information, tools, and resources to implement locally-tailored initiatives.
15	North Carolina	Land of Sky Regional Council	Phone: 828-251-6622 Website: www.landofsky.org	Land of Sky Regional Council's Waste Reduction Partners (WRP) program will help rural businesses and rural local governments enhance economic development and sustainability by offering technical assistance to strengthen solid waste reduction, composting, and recycling programs.
16	Ohio	Rural Action, Inc.	Phone: 740-677-4047 Website: www.ruralaction.org	The Rural Action's Zero Waste Program will provide a four-pronged approach to waste reduction across rural areas of the Appalachian Ohio counties of Athens, Washington, Perry, Lawrence, Ross, Vinton, Meigs, Hocking, Morgan, Gallia, Jackson, and Scioto and Wayne and Cabell Counties in West Virginia. These rural counties face deep, systemic challenges related to solid waste management and high rates of poverty.
17	Oklahoma	Oklahoma State University	Phone: 405-711-2474 Website: http://go.okstate.edu/	Oklahoma State University purposes to build on their experience working with local, county, and tribal rural solid waste management. They'll provide technical

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				assistance, training, and education concerning the waste management needs of the rural-focused clientele.
18	Texas	Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission	Phone: 432-563-1061 Website: www.pbrpc.org	Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's proposal will address the needs of utility operators, code enforcement, and communities in rural areas. This will include Municipal Solid Waste Operator, waste screening, illegal dumping enforcement, and water utilities classes.
19	Texas	Texas State University	Phone: 512-245-2101 Website: www.txst.edu	Texas State University's purpose is to establish a comprehensive food waste (FW) monitoring framework, identifying effective FW reduction strategies and management pathways, improving public awareness, and offering technical assistance to rural community members to empower them with skills for FW generation monitoring, FW reduction and management, and waste management capacity planning in Central Texas (CT).
20	Utah	Park City Conservation Association dba Recycle Utah	Phone: 435-649-9698 Website: www.recycleutah.org	Recycle Utah's goal is to expand solid waste and water conservation education to adults and youth in the Coalville CCD. The technical assistance and training will improve environmental education and access to recycling services and resources to properly dispose of solid waste items that can be diverted from the landfill.
21	Utah	Solid Waste Training Institute (AK, ID and WY)	Phone: 801-918-5107 Website: www.swti.org	The Solid Waste Training Institute will help address local needs that have been identified and specifically requested for review by the beneficiaries. Efforts will include the following: multi-state landfill personnel hands-on site-specific training and BMP Demonstrations, distribution of educational materials, plastic upcycling demonstration and evaluation testing, emerging contaminants program, and project/institutional sustainability.
22	Washington	Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network	Phone: 510-284-7042 Website: www.tswan.org	Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN) proposes to utilize its internal professional resources, subject matter expertise, and tribal nations' experience,

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				accumulated over the past twenty years, to work with tribes in the Pacific Northwest (covering the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska) to enhance their solid waste programs by identifying and providing culturally appropriate training and joint program collaboration to assist participating tribes in addressing and managing current environmental programmatic challenges that adversely impact their solid waste reduction programs and the longevity of their local landfills.