



# Partnership on Waste and Energy

## State Funding Is Needed to Achieve State Waste Goals

**The Partnership on Waste and Energy (PWE) seeks to end waste, promote renewable energy and enhance the health and resiliency of communities we serve while advancing equity and responding to the challenges of a changing climate.**

State solid waste financing must be robust and designed to achieve positive environmental and public health outcomes. Ambitious state policies require additional state financial resources that allow local government to successfully carry out statutory responsibilities. It is critical that state tax and finance policies distribute financial resources in alignment with state policy goals.

### Progress on state mandates requires modifying and expanding state tax and finance policies

Policies and incentives can be structured to build stronger and more resilient partnerships among state and local governments. These partnerships are needed to create a circular economy that keeps materials in use instead of putting them into landfills, and that better protects public health and the environment.

- **Reform Solid Waste Management Tax Allocations:** All revenues from the Solid Waste Management Tax imposed on waste services should be used for waste management activities, such as SCORE funding.
- **Increase SCORE funding:** Funding for SCORE recycling grants must rise to the level of investment needed to meet state recycling goals and respond to the challenging trend of rising solid waste volumes.
- **Incentivize Landfill Diversion:** Tools such as state incentives, credits or tax rebates are needed to encourage and reward waste processing and other strategies that keep resources out of landfills.
- **Enact More Effective Product Stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility:** Require product producers to reduce the financial burden and liabilities imposed on local government and taxpayers to manage products, some of which are toxic, hazardous or difficult to recycle.

### Future successes require state and local financing partnerships

Sustainable financing approaches are needed to create solid waste, resource management and energy systems that support synergy among multiple state policy objectives, promote the highest and best use of materials and significantly mitigate impacts on the environment, public health and the climate.

State financing and agency partnerships are needed to encourage forward-looking solutions to ever-changing waste challenges. The state must scale up its own financial support and more strongly leverage local government and private investment to reduce, reuse and recycle waste and take advantage of emerging technologies that recover materials, energy and biofuels from waste.

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