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Commissioners,

As I am sure most of you are aware, the EPA is creating a new Recycling Infrastructure Grant Program. This funding is coming from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that Congress recently passed; it will provide \$55 million of funding per year across the country for 5 fiscal years.

The EPA is still developing this grant program, and has put out a [Request for Information](#) (see link below for more details) to design a program that best meets applicants' needs. The Request For Proposals will come out in the fall.

In order to complete the RFI, the Department of Environmental Management and Zero Waste Hawai'i Island have developed a survey to gather information from diverse stakeholders in Hawai'i County to understand the barriers to reuse and recycling and how grant funding could help. We also hope to identify parties interested in partnering with the County to apply for the infrastructure grants.

If you could please fill out this survey from the perspective of the district you serve we would greatly appreciate it.

LINK TO THE SURVEY: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1L2OBaBwFyS-PJBF8Q4BcqIE1QyUO0ztQI3kOCp3qHyI/prefill>

RFI details: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/06/09/2022-12457/solid-waste-infrastructure-for-recycling-program-request-for-information>

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Mahalo for your participation and continued support to protect the 'āina for our current and future residents.

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