

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

Project Location: Rincon Reservation Transfer Station, Valley Center, CA

Project Title: Rincon Transfer Station Improvement Project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$1,500,000

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians will increase and expand materials management infrastructure at the Rincon Transfer Station. The Tribe will add paving and install a filter drainage system to ensure proper treatment of runoff from the newly paved site. The Tribe will also install site improvements including a recycling station, roofing and secondary containment for tires, composting, and hazardous waste and e-waste collection areas for added safety. These improvements will facilitate greater reuse, recycling, composting, collection, and storage of recyclable and organic materials on the Rincon Reservation.

SWIFR Grants to Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

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 Tribal grant funding can be used to develop or update post-consumer materials management plans; 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. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to communities that have historically been underserved and overburdened by pollution.

EPA will make the award to the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Purchases a horizontal grinder to increase composting capacity.
- Enhances transfer station infrastructure to protect water quality, increase community participation and reduce disposal costs.
- Purchases a recycling collection station to increase the recycling capacity.

