

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Chippewa Cree Tribe

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Chippewa Cree Tribe
Project Location: Box Elder, MT
Project Title: Chippewa Cree Tribe Solid Waste Infrastructure Program (CCTSWIP)

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 8

Grant Funding: \$1,075,483

The Chippewa Cree Tribe will strengthen and further develop the current Tribal Water Resources Department Solid Waste Management Program by expanding infrastructure, strengthening data collection, and focusing on post-consumer materials management. The Tribe will achieve these objectives by purchasing the necessary equipment to improve the transfer site, conducting a waste characterization study to improve data collection efforts, and ultimately updating solid waste management plans based on results from data collection efforts. These activities aim to improve recycled commodity markets, increase recycling collection, and reduce contamination.

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 Chippewa Cree Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Serves at least three Tribes, three local programs and two schools.
- Hires a site monitor, coordinator and a marketing specialist.
- Improves transfer station and conducts a waste characterization study.

