

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

## Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

### Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

## Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

#### Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.  
**Project Location:** Anchorage, AK  
**Project Title:** Innovation Continuation

#### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 10

#### Highlights

- Serves five small, rural Tribes.
- Organizes community outreach activities.
- Builds on a previous program advancing technology in low-income schools, neighborhoods, and rural Alaska communities.

#### Grant Funding: \$1,500,000

The Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. will expand materials management infrastructure that supports plastics recycling in five Alaska Native villages. The project will achieve this objective by purchasing equipment and supplies such as shredders, extruders, sheet presses, and molds. It will increase plastics collection and improve infrastructure by providing training and educational resources, as well as installing equipment in participating communities. The Tribe will also organize community cleanup days, household plastics collection challenges, multi-generational plastic sort-and-clean events, and school-based educational activities. The project will help communities through cleanup, land restoration, waste reduction and waste prevention to enhance policies and programs to support circularity 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 Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

