

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants
Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

Project Location: Trinidad Rancheria, CA

Project Title: Trinidad Rancheria Zero-Waste Facility Project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$950,680

The Trinidad Rancheria will construct a zero-waste facility, purchase equipment, train new staff, and install compost and recycling bins. The facility will process the Tribe's food waste, green waste, paper waste, and fish waste from sport and charter fishers. It will also serve as a transfer station for sorting and backhauling recyclables. A new zero-waste technician will collect and process organic waste; backhaul recyclables; maintain the facility; and measure diversion rates, types, and quantities of recycled and composted materials. This project will restore land for productive use and community health.

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 Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Hires one new technician.
- Constructs a zero-waste facility to compost organic waste and backhaul recyclables.
- Deploys infrastructure to manage fish waste and restores land for productive uses and community health.

