

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

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Project Location: Choctaw, MS

Project Title: MBCI Solid Waste and Infrastructure for Recycling Cooperative Agreement

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 4

Grant Funding: \$941,600

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians will develop and implement methods of increasing post-consumer material collection, processing that material, and transporting it to end-markets. They also intend to build a biodiesel manufacturing facility to recapture “waste” cooking oil from Tribal members, schools and casinos to process into biodiesel. The aim is to increase recycling collection and storage, expand materials management, and identify end-markets for the use of recycled materials.

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 Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Diversifies the types of recyclables collected while strengthening collection, storage and transportation infrastructure.
- Recaptures “waste” cooking oil from Tribal members, schools and casinos to process into biodiesel.

