

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Pueblo of San Felipe

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Pueblo of San Felipe

Project Location: San Felipe Pueblo, New Mexico

Project Title: Pueblo of San Felipe SWIFR project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$1,005,111

The Pueblo of San Felipe will obtain recycling trailers, build a swap shop, repair heavy equipment used in material recovery, improve transfer station infrastructure, distribute recycling bins, develop educational materials raising awareness of recycling infrastructure and processes, standardize measurement and improve the Tribe's recycling data. The project is intended to encourage environmentally sound post-consumer materials management; decrease the generation of municipal solid waste while increasing the diversion of municipal solid waste from landfills; and expand access to source reduction, reuse, recycling and backhaul resources. These activities will enable effective solid waste management and reduce recycling contamination.

Highlights

- Develops end-markets for materials, reducing contamination in the recycling stream.
- Provides training and technical assistance.
- Raises awareness of recycling infrastructure and processes.

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 Pueblo of San Felipe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

