

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Seneca Nation of Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Seneca Nation of Indians

Project Location: Irving, NY

Project Title: Seneca Nation: Community Compost Initiative

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 2

Grant Funding: \$457,888

The Seneca Nation of Indians will establish partnerships with community organizations, expand composting and food waste collection, develop educational materials, and establish compost end-market opportunities. The Tribe will achieve these objectives by improving compost collection, packaging excess compost for community home gardeners, collecting data, and collaborating with the Seneca Nation Environmental Protection Department. This initiative will reduce the hundreds of pounds of food waste destined for landfills as well as directly benefit the community by fertilizing the Tribe's farm, which offers reduced-price produce to the community.

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 Seneca Nation of Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Improves compost collection, collects data and reduces food waste.
- Creates new jobs.
- Expands food waste collection, composting and compost end-market opportunities.

