

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN)

Project Location: Colville Reservation (WA), Spokane Reservation (WA), Kalispel Reservation (ID), and Coeur d'Alene Reservation (ID)

Project Title: Turning Waste into Commodities; TSWAN Small Communities Recycling Centers Pilot Program

Highlights

- Creates 5 new recycling program jobs.
- Sets up 4 small Tribal recycling centers.
- Analyzes potential end markets for recyclables.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$1,499,609

The Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network will create a pilot recycling program for four rural Tribes seeking to reduce waste contamination and develop educational programs on proper sorting of materials. The Tribal Consortia will achieve this objective by setting up small recycling centers for four Tribes, purchasing equipment necessary to process and contain recyclables, hiring recycling staff, hosting collaboration meetings and trainings, and gathering waste audit data to assess existing recycling programs.

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 Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

