

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

Project Location: Yakutat, AK

Project Title: Converting Yakutat's Community and Tourism Industry Food Waste into Fertile Soil for the Community Garden and the Tribal Greenhouse

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$ 559,548

The Yakutat Tlingit Tribe will develop community composting, maintain infrastructure that supports the composting program, and provide educational opportunities for the community. The Tribe will achieve these objectives by initiating a community-wide composting plan, hiring and training staff, maintaining existing equipment, and buying supplies for the Yakutat Composting Program. Staff will also create outreach and education materials and share them with the community to help divert food waste from the landfill, especially fish, which makes up the majority of harvested resources in Yakutat. This project will improve the sustainability and self-sufficiency of the community, providing rich soil for the Tribe to grow crops.

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 Yakutat Tlingit Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Initiates and expands a composting program.
- Provides a way to recycle large amounts of fish into compost.
- Produces fertile topsoil for the Tribe's greenhouse and the community garden.

