

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

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Project Location: Pablo, MT
Project Title: CSKT Recycling Program Upgrade and Expansion

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 8

Grant Funding: \$1,023,748

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will identify end markets and expand materials management infrastructure. To achieve these objectives, the Tribes will expand the existing recycling program by hiring a full-time staff member, establishing five new recycling collection opportunities, purchasing equipment to help establish new recycling programs for Tribe members, and researching end markets and community partnerships for previously unrecycled materials. These activities aim to encourage and expand recycling to reduce possible health effects and environmental contamination associated with mismanaged waste.

Highlights

- Establishes five new recycling collection opportunities.
- Serves five additional Tribal communities.
- Creates one new job.
- Enhances controls to reduce illegal dumping.
- Introduces in-home appliance removal services to improve white goods recycling.

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 Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

