

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

Knik Tribe

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Knik Tribe

Project Locations: Palmer and Wasilla, AK

Project Title: Knik Tribe Recycling and Waste Management Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Uses organic compost to grow native plants for stream bank restoration.
- Serves a suburban area northeast of Anchorage.
- Shares educational awareness recycling demonstrations and curricula.

Grant Funding: \$1,245,374

The Knik Tribe will establish organic materials collection practices with Tribe members, the Knik Charter School, and Benteh STEAM Academy. The Tribe will achieve this by conducting a waste audit, developing a post-consumer materials management plan, adding recycling and organic waste collection bins, mobile composting efforts, partnering with the Alaska Food Bank to capture food waste, and conducting education and outreach campaigns. The Tribe will assess the waste produced by its partners and community, increase recycling and compost awareness, and increase collection of recyclable and organic materials.

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 Knik Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

