

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

Project Location: Bonners Ferry, ID

Project Title: Reducing Landfill Materials in Boundary County through Recycling and Composting

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Highlights

- Through composting, reduces waste going into the Boundary County landfill.
- Provides standard procedures and metrics for future decision-making.
- Serves a small, rural Tribe and surrounding communities.

Grant Funding: \$530,223

The Kootenai Tribe of Idaho will plan and implement a food and yard waste composting program for Boundary County, Idaho. The project will develop a composting plan, provide educational information, implement recycling and feedstock collection, and provide access to composting for the community. The Tribe will present project objectives to their community and allow them to voice their concerns and ask questions. In addition, the project will create drop off sites for food and yard waste at no cost to residents. The project will decrease the amount of solid waste going to the landfill and facilitate greater opportunities for Tribal citizens and the community to actively participate in recycling and composting.

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 Kootenai Tribe of Idaho once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

