

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

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
Project Location: Santa Ysabel, CA
Project Title: Mesa Grande Infrastructure for Recycling Grant

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$173,750

The Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians will procure infrastructure needed to implement its integrated waste management plan. Specifically, the Tribe will purchase a variety of upgraded equipment to improve recycling activities including storing and sorting materials from the recycling stream. The Tribe will also promote composting and source reduction and expand existing data. These actions aim to improve markets for recyclables, reduce contamination in the waste stream, and promote circularity.

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 Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Identifies markets for recycled and reused materials.
- Uses shipping containers as a cost-effective, temporary, portable, and secure facility to store and sort materials.

