

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

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Nenana Native Association

Project Location: Nenana, AK

Project Title: Nenana Native Association Solid Waste Management Project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$973,500

The Nenana Native Association will remove household hazardous waste from the environment and provide an alternative means of managing household hazardous waste, recyclables, and solid waste. Nenana will purchase equipment needed to remove waste, including a forklift, a landing craft, a truck, and a trailer. This equipment will allow for the removal of large items that have been mismanaged due to a lack of available landfills. Nenana also plans to establish a program to collect solid waste, recyclables, and household hazardous waste, then transport that waste in a proper container to an appropriate facility. These activities will reduce environmental contamination and provide a means to collect solid waste for proper disposal.

Highlights

- Serves a community in a climate with extreme temperatures.
- Supports a community with no existing landfill.
- Provides access to recycling, household hazardous waste disposal, and easy management of household solid waste.

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 Nenana Native Association once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

