

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Nez Perce Tribe

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Nez Perce Tribe

Project Location: Lapwai, ID

Project Title: Protecting the Earth through Tribal Solid Waste Management and Recycling

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$589,154

This project will improve the Nez Perce Tribe's waste management systems for long-term management planning and infrastructure. The project will fund an update to the Tribe's solid waste management plan focusing on environmentally sound post-consumer materials management. The Tribe will also expand materials management infrastructure by purchasing equipment and supplies, adding a new recycling stream for expanded polystyrene (EPS), and funding an additional staff member to increase capacity.

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 Nez Perce Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Highlights

- Updates the Tribe's solid waste management plan.
- Creates a new recycling stream for expanded polystyrene.
- Funds one additional employee.

