

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Project Location: Akwesasne, NY
Project Title: Tribal Solid Waste Infrastructure Expansion FY23 Project

Highlights

- Updates the Tribe's solid waste management plan and increases its recycling rate.
- Builds a food waste composting facility.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 2

Grant Funding: \$1,500,000

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe will build an energy-efficient cardboard processing facility and a food waste composting facility, purchase electric vehicles and handling equipment, upgrade an electrical system by replacing a diesel generator electrical supply with a three-phase electrical grid connection, and build community engagement to support composting. Activities include design and construction for the expansion of a cardboard processing facility, the development of food waste collection and composting systems, and updating the Tribe's Solid Waste Management Plan to reflect new infrastructure. These activities will result in enhanced infrastructure, improved operational safety and expanded recycling opportunities.

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 Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

