

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Gila River Indian Community

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Gila River Indian Community

Project Location: Gila River Indian Community, AZ

Project Title: Gila River Indian Community Recycling Infrastructure Expansion

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$1,276,585

The Gila River Indian Community will build physical and programmatic capacity to increase curbside recycling of residential mixed waste and divert municipal solid waste from landfills. The Tribe will achieve these objectives by investing in updated infrastructure equipment, conducting regular outreach sessions at community meetings, providing educational units and demonstrations, and conducting a contamination sampling. The Tribe's Department of Environmental Quality will also draft a formal recycling plan incorporating SWIFR-funded activities with feedback from the Department of Public works and elected leadership. These actions aim to increase diversion rates for recyclable materials and reduce contamination of the recycling stream.

Highlights

- Evaluates existing residential recycling streams and tracks recycling and diversion rates each month.
- Establishes collection point for e-waste, batteries, used oil, paint and antifreeze.
- Purchases equipment to expand recycling and reduce contamination rates.

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 Gila River Indian Community once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

