

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

Igiugig Village

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Igiugig Village

Project Location: Igiugig, AK

Project Title: Igiugig Village Recycling Center

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$1,475,782

The Igiugig Village will replace and improve current recycling center infrastructure. Specifically, the program will reconstruct a recycling center with more space to process waste and an improved ability to recycle materials. The existing recycle center is a small, open-sided shed with no electricity, no heat, no lights, and a dirt floor. The new center will have electricity; an updated glass crusher; and a dedicated indoor workspace to store waste and recyclables including electronics, e-waste, batteries, and appliances. This improved infrastructure will be safer, more weatherproof, and will make it possible to operate the recycling center year-round.

Highlights

- Increases municipal solid waste/construction and demolition waste collected, recycled, composted or managed via other pathways by 25%.
- Creates six temporary jobs during construction.
- Constructs a new recycling facility.
- Provides year-round recycling to an isolated rural community.

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 Igiugig Village once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

