

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

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Metlakatla Indian Community
Project Location: Metlakatla, AK
Project Title: Metlakatla Indian Community Composting Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$555,708

The Metlakatla Indian Community will implement an enhanced composting program that will aid efforts to close the Tribe's landfill, thus reducing emissions that contribute to climate change. Specifically, the Tribe will build a composting facility, buy equipment to operate that facility, and provide education and outreach through workshops. The Tribe also aims to establish an ordinance for commercial kitchens to provide food waste to the composting program.

Highlights

- Tracks food waste by weight to ascertain the total amount collected annually, strengthening data tracking efforts.
- Uses finished compost and sells it to local growers for use in community gardens that produce food sold within the Tribe.

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 Metlakatla Indian Community once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

