

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

Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
Project Location: Tokeland, WA
Project Title: Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe—
Community Compost Program Development and
Implementation

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$888,416

The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe will expand existing composting efforts, scaling up and accommodating the collection of compostable materials. The goal is to reduce the amount of compostable materials sent to landfills, while improving the health of the soil and the resilience of the Tribe. This project will help meet waste reduction goals, create employment opportunities, develop a circular economy, and promote the wellbeing of the Tribe and the environment.

Highlights

- Develops two full-time jobs, two part-time jobs and six support roles for community members.
- Builds a composting facility benefitting the Tribe and surrounding underserved communities.
- Creates compost that will nourish the Tribal community garden and orchard and be available for public use.

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 Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

