

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

## Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

### Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

## Spirit Lake Tribe

### Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** Spirit Lake Tribe  
**Project Location:** Fort Totten, ND  
**Project Title:** Enhance Spirit Lake Reservation Solid and Hazardous Waste Collection System

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 8

### Grant Funding: \$1,500,000

The Spirit Lake Tribe will address waste collection and recycling and improve transport and disposal programs. The Tribe will achieve these objectives by acquiring materials management infrastructure equipment, hiring and training transfer station staff, and identifying new recycling opportunities. The Tribe will evaluate existing tons of waste being collected, recycled, and disposed of and determine how these streams will change to provide health benefits throughout their community. The project aims to minimize waste, further recycling activities, and mitigate climate change impacts.

### 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 Spirit Lake Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

### Highlights

- Hires one employee at the transfer station to promote proper management of recyclables and waste.
- Upgrades equipment infrastructure and expands recycling opportunities.

