

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

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Project Location: Harbor Springs, MI

Project Title: LTBB Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Reduces single-use waste by installing water bottle refill stations and providing reusable dishware.
- Provides recycling and composting education and compost tumblers to residents.
- Increases recycling trailer accessibility.

Grant Funding: \$240,000

The Little Traverse Bay Band will promote source reduction and increase waste diversion rates throughout the community. The project will enable the Tribe to purchase reuse infrastructure to increase source reduction by installing drinking fountains/water bottle refill stations at the Tribe's Pow Wow Grounds and providing reusable dishware for other events. The Tribe will also develop compost and recycling educational materials and expand waste diversion and collection efforts by making transfer stations more accessible and providing compost tumblers to residents.

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 Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

