

# Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

## Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

### Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

## Blackfeet Tribe

### Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** Blackfeet Tribe

**Project Location:** Blackfeet (Browning, MT), Rocky Boy (Box Elder, MT), and Fort Belknap (Fort Belknap Agency) Reservations in northern Montana

**Project Title:** Trash Is Not Tradish (Traditional): Creating a Circular Economy Through Tire Shreds, Composting, and Glass Reuse

### Highlights

- Utilizes recyclable bin trailers to be rotated through the Reservation and used at community events.
- Diverts waste from landfills via product composting and reuse.
- Updates the Tribe's Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 8

### Grant Funding: \$1,228,437

Trash Is Not Tradish will expand recycling programs on the Blackfeet Reservation and research and develop markets for end-products. The Tribe will use solid waste including glass, used tires, composting wood and green waste to generate high-end value-added products. The Tribe will also conduct community outreach, including at the Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy Reservations. The success of this project will result in lower greenhouse gas emissions, diversion of solid waste from landfills, cooperative efforts between multiple Tribes, and the development of circular economy markets.

### 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 Blackfeet Tribe once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

