

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

Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Project Location: Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
Reservation, Allen Parish, LA
Project Title: Recycling Expansion Program

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$565,000

The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana will significantly increase recycling volume and improve the Tribe's materials management infrastructure. These objectives will be achieved through establishing composting infrastructure and an expansion of the Tribe's recycling program, which will include repairing existing storage facilities and building a new recycling center. These infrastructure improvements will allow the Tribe to accept and store larger volumes of recycled materials, and the new center will serve as a recycling drop-off point for neighboring communities.

Highlights

- Plans to increase recycling volume by about 300%.
- Buys equipment to facilitate the collection and storage of recycled material.
- Encourages environmentally sound post-consumer materials management such as composting, source reduction and recycling.

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 Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

