

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Pechanga Band of Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Pechanga Band of Indians
Project Location: Temecula, CA
Project Title: Pechanga SWIFT Proposal 2023

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$1,065,473

The Pechanga Band of Indians will establish a curbside recycling program, design and build infrastructure to support a materials recovery facility, and increase diversion of recyclable and compostable materials and household hazardous waste. More specifically, the Tribe will update solid waste management plans, expand materials management infrastructure by building facilities and upgrading equipment, track data, and develop educational materials to encourage recycling. These actions aim to improve circularity, reduce contamination in the recycled materials stream, and increase recycled materials collection.

Highlights

- Increases diversion in support of the Pechanga EPA–Tribal Environmental Plan goal of 30% by 2023.
- Promotes resource reuse and the reduction of single-use plastics on the reservation.
- Supports the Tribe’s sovereignty as it builds recycling and materials recovery facility capacity and increases services provided.

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 Pechanga Band of Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

