

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Pueblo of Zuni

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Pueblo of Zuni

Project Location: Zuni, NM

Project Title: Pueblo of Zuni Solid Waste Management and Transfer Station Improvements

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$999,532

The Pueblo of Zuni will develop a solid waste and materials management plan with strategies for source reduction, increased collection, improved storage capacity, transportation, composting and recycling. The Tribe will also purchase and regularly maintain updated equipment and supplies for a transfer station. The Tribe will develop reuse centers, repair clinics, and a recycling program, along with education and outreach practices focused on encouraging environmentally sound post-consumer materials management.

Highlights

- Implements a recycling program to increase recycling rates, reduce landfill waste, and improve the environmental health of the Tribe.
- Develops comprehensive data collection efforts to demonstrate progress towards the National Recycling Goal and Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal.

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 Pueblo of Zuni once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

