

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet **Cochiti de Pueblo**

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Cochiti de Pueblo

Project Location: Pueblo of Cochiti Reservation,
Cochiti, NM

Project Title: Pueblo of Cochiti Post-Consumer
Organics Diversion and Composting Infrastructure
Project

Highlights

- Creates 1 full time composting technician job.
- Supports Tribal agricultural and environmental restoration operations.
- Reduces long term annual costs of organic waste disposal.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$640,994

Cochiti de Pueblo will establish a centralized composting program to divert food waste and organics from landfills. The program will fund composting infrastructure and the purchase of supporting equipment like large composting bins, community collection containers, processing pads at the transfer station, and handling equipment. This program will divert food waste, yard trimmings, and other organic debris from burn piles and landfills and encourage positive long-term land stewardship for the Tribal community.

SWIFR Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act provides investments in recycling to support the implementation of the National Recycling Strategy and build a circular economy for all. This funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing for more efficient resource use and less environmental impact from waste materials. The SWIFR 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.

