Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants
Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Project Location: L'Anse Indian Reservation, Baraga County, MI
Project Title: Materials management spoke and hub recycling and composting project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Diverts an estimated 49,000 lbs of fish waste for composting annually.
- Provides curbside recycling to 850 households.
- Creates 1 full-time sustainability specialist position and additional part-time seasonal positions.

Grant Funding: $1,500,000

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will repair and upgrade their recycling facility and establish a composting program. Within the facility, the project will pave dirt floors and roads, repair doors and lights, add a fire suppression system, and purchase heavy equipment and machinery to ensure safe and efficient operations. Additionally, the project will establish a composting program to divert fish waste to community gardens and procure composting equipment. This program will help an isolated rural community divert recyclable and compostable materials from landfills, reduce pollution, help feed the community, and provide a safe location for recycling operations to be conducted.

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.