

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

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Nez Perce Tribe

Project Location: Nez Perce Reservation, Lapwai, Idaho

Project Title: Protecting the Earth and Nez Perce Reservation through Tribal Composting and Increased Recycling Capacity

Highlights

- Expands recycling access for a largely rural, five-county area.
- Creates 2 jobs supporting recycling and composting operations.
- Diverts an estimated 80 tons per year of organic materials from landfill.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 10

Grant Funding: \$1,168,187

The Nez Perce Tribe will expand its recycling capabilities and establish a Tribal composting program to better manage its post-consumer waste materials. The project will fund the purchase of new machinery including vertical balers, packaging supplies, and recycling bins to increase capability of the existing recycling program. Additionally, the project will purchase an in-vessel composter and associated equipment to create compost, and promote job creation to run the programs. These investments will improve local health by reducing pollution, diverting food waste and recyclables from landfills, and improving food security for the Nez Perce Tribe.

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.

