

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Project Location: SMSC Tribal Lands, Prior Lake, MN
Project Title: Improving SMSC Recycling and Material Management to Increase Tribal Sovereignty and Maximize Diversion Rates

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Builds a new facility for transporting, storing, and processing waste.
- Creates 1 permanent part-time job and up to 4 temporary jobs.
- Identifies end-markets for bulky materials such as white goods, textiles, building materials, and mattresses.

Grant Funding: \$894,245

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) will decrease waste generation by expanding access to source reduction, recycling, reuse, and composting. The project will build a new facility to transfer, store, and process waste, assess and update commercial and residential waste operations, pilot a reuse program at local concessions, and purchase new equipment for collection and transportation of organics and reusables. The project is expected to reduce landfill disposal and contamination while strengthening long-term Tribal capacity and sovereignty over post-consumer materials management.

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.

