

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants

Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

Project Location: Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Reservation, Riverside County, California

Project Title: TMDCI Compost Program: Expansion & Capacity Building

Highlights

- Creates 1 full time position supporting composting operations.
- Diverts an estimated 13 tons of food scraps and 200 tons of green waste annually.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 9

Grant Funding: \$1,500,000

The Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians will expand and upgrade the Tribe's composting program. The project will purchase an anaerobic digester to process food waste, as well as an in-vessel composting system to produce solid compost from illegal landscaping by-product. In addition, they will purchase trucks, heavy equipment, and other processors to further increase efficiency of the composting program. This program expects to divert organic matter from landfills, reduce fire hazards, and produce high-quality organic fertilizer for Tribal conservation and community garden initiatives.

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.

