

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law  
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants  
Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet

## Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians

### Selected Grant Recipient

**Name:** Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians  
**Project Location:** Shelbyville, MI  
**Project Title:** Bkéji Wébnan “Throw Less Away” Project

### Highlights

- Adds a large-scale food waste digester to the Gun Lake Casino.
- Creates two new permanent jobs.
- Serves a rural area experiencing significant growth.

### EPA Information

**Region:** EPA Region 5

### Grant Funding: \$1,084,454

The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians will increase the Tribe’s post-consumer materials management by improving and expanding current recycling and food waste operations. The Tribe will update their Integrated Waste Management Plan; establish the Gun Lake Casino (GLC) Sustainability Department to improve and implement sustainability initiatives; expand and improve GLC food waste management with a large-scale food waste digester; and develop plans for a recycling hub to serve the greater rural community. The goals of the project are to reduce organic materials and recyclables going to local landfills as well as identify source reduction opportunities.

### SWIFR Grants to Tribes and Intertribal Consortia

The 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides the largest EPA investment in recycling in 30 years to support National Recycling Strategy implementation and build a circular economy for all. As part of the Investing in America agenda, this funding supports improvements to waste management systems and programs, allowing resources to be used more efficiently and reducing the impact on the climate. SWIFR Tribal 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. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to communities that have historically been underserved and overburdened by pollution.

EPA will make the award to the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

