

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants
Tribes and Intertribal Consortia Fact Sheet
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
Project Location: Mount Pleasant, MI
Project Title: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Recycling Expansion Project

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Serves Isabella County and seven surrounding counties.
- Creates a facility for reusable and recyclable material collection and storage.
- Upgrades needed equipment for materials recycling facility.

Grant Funding: \$1,499,856

The Recycling Expansion Project will enhance the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's partnership with Isabella County to manage recycling materials, benefitting the Tribe, Isabella County and seven surrounding counties. Specifically, the Tribe will add a storage building to hold and organize materials for reuse, resale, and recycling. The project will increase the number of drop-off and pick-up locations and spread recycling awareness through community education. In tandem with these efforts, the Tribe will work with Isabella County to upgrade equipment at the County's materials recycling facility (MRF) and develop a Materials Management Plan with seven surrounding counties to increase the materials to be recycled through the MRF. This will enable the MRF to be the official hub for this region.

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 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

