

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

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Project Location: Cloquet, MN

Project Title: FDL Recycling and Compost Facility with Solid Waste Transfer Station

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 5

Highlights

- Builds an in-vessel facility to compost food and fish waste.
- Performs outreach and education to encourage participation in the expanded composting program.
- Analyzes the food waste diversion rate.

Grant Funding: \$1,500,000

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will establish a hub-and-spoke composting system for composting food waste and fish waste. This will be supported by a new in-vessel composter which will accept materials (food and fish waste) from Band members and Fond du Lac commercial entities. Train-the-trainer education for head cooks and outreach to schools will enhance the Tribe's composting capabilities. These activities will support improvements to local post-consumer materials management and help build a circular economy.

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 Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

