

Investing in America through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program Fact Sheet

United Keetoowah Band

Selected Grant Recipient

Name: United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Location: Tahlequah, OK
Project Title: Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach Grant

Highlights

- Benefits nine disadvantaged communities.
- Creates a diverse education campaign, consisting of social media and physical information.

EPA Information

Region: EPA Region 6

Grant Funding: \$2,000,000

The United Keetoowah Band will reduce waste and prevent environmental contamination by conducting public outreach and education about the Tribe's recycling program. The Tribe will use funds to produce and provide educational brochures, newsletter articles, technical support, social media and more. The Tribe will also buy recycle bins, carts, trailers, and signs. Through this effort, the Tribe aims to increase collection rates in the Tribal community.

REO Grants

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. REO grant funding can be used to inform the public about residential or community recycling programs, provide information about the recycled materials that are accepted as part of a residential or community recycling program, and increase collection rates and decrease contamination in residential and community recycling programs. These grants also advance the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved and overburdened by pollution. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also requires that 20% of the grant funding go to communities that are low-income, rural or Native American.

EPA will make the award to the United Keetoowah Band once all legal and administrative requirements are satisfied.

Other Recycling Grant Funding in Oklahoma

[Oklahoma SWIFR State Grant Fact Sheet](#)

