

Solid Waste Management Initiative 2024-25 * Program Overview

The purpose of this initiative is to provide funding and assistance to Operational or Developmental First Nations to support solid waste management (SWM) projects and activities. Like last year, funding can be used to support multi-year projects, allowing First Nations to carry out larger, more meaningful projects as needed.

➤ Solid Waste Program Objectives

- Advance projects that reduce the solid waste burden on reserve
- Development of laws and programs to reduce the risk of improper disposal, transport of construction debris, littering and unsightly premises;
- Initiatives to identify and manage different waste streams, particularly hazardous wastes;
- Improved planning to reduce risks associated with the siting and operation of waste handling and waste transfer facilities;
- Resolving past solid waste disposal issues through testing, closure, or remediation of old sites;
- Partnership agreements, legal agreements, and implementation of waste diversion to approved regional and municipal waste handling facilities; and
- Increasing internal capacity of Framework Agreement First Nations for effective solid waste management on reserve.

➤ Funding for Participating First Nations - The Resource Centre typically provides **\$15,000.00 to \$70,000 per year** to each approved First Nation. The exact amount of funding per project will vary, depending on the number of proposals received/developed and the total estimated costs of approved projects. **Funding and is not intended for Operations and Maintenance or Capital/Infrastructure projects.**

➤ Examples of Past Funded Projects - Solid Waste Management Plans, Solid Waste Laws, Waste Diversion Programs (recycling, composting, reuse) including education and awareness, Operation and Maintenance Plans, unauthorized dumpsite cleanups, innovative waste reuse projects, Solid Waste Management equipment purchases.

➤ Scheduling - All milestones and reporting requirements must be fulfilled before **March 31, 2026**.

Eligible First Nations

To be eligible for this funding initiative, First Nations must:

- Be an Operational or Developmental First Nation; and
- Not be receiving funding for the project from another source (i.e., Indigenous Services Canada)

➤ RC Contacts – For more information about this special funding initiative, please contact Stefanie Recollet, Solid Waste Advisor at Stefanie.Recollet@labrc.com.

* Please note that in anticipation of approval from Canada for the 2024-25 round of SWM funding, the RC is currently accepting applications from First Nations for participation. However, the RC will not be able to issue any new SWM funding arrangements until confirmation of funding from Canada has been received.