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A Solid Waste Resource Guide for Native Americans

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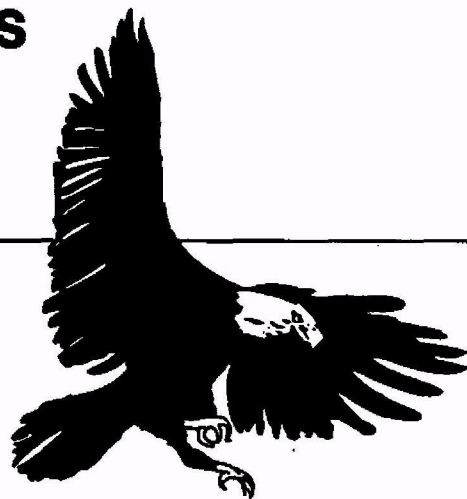
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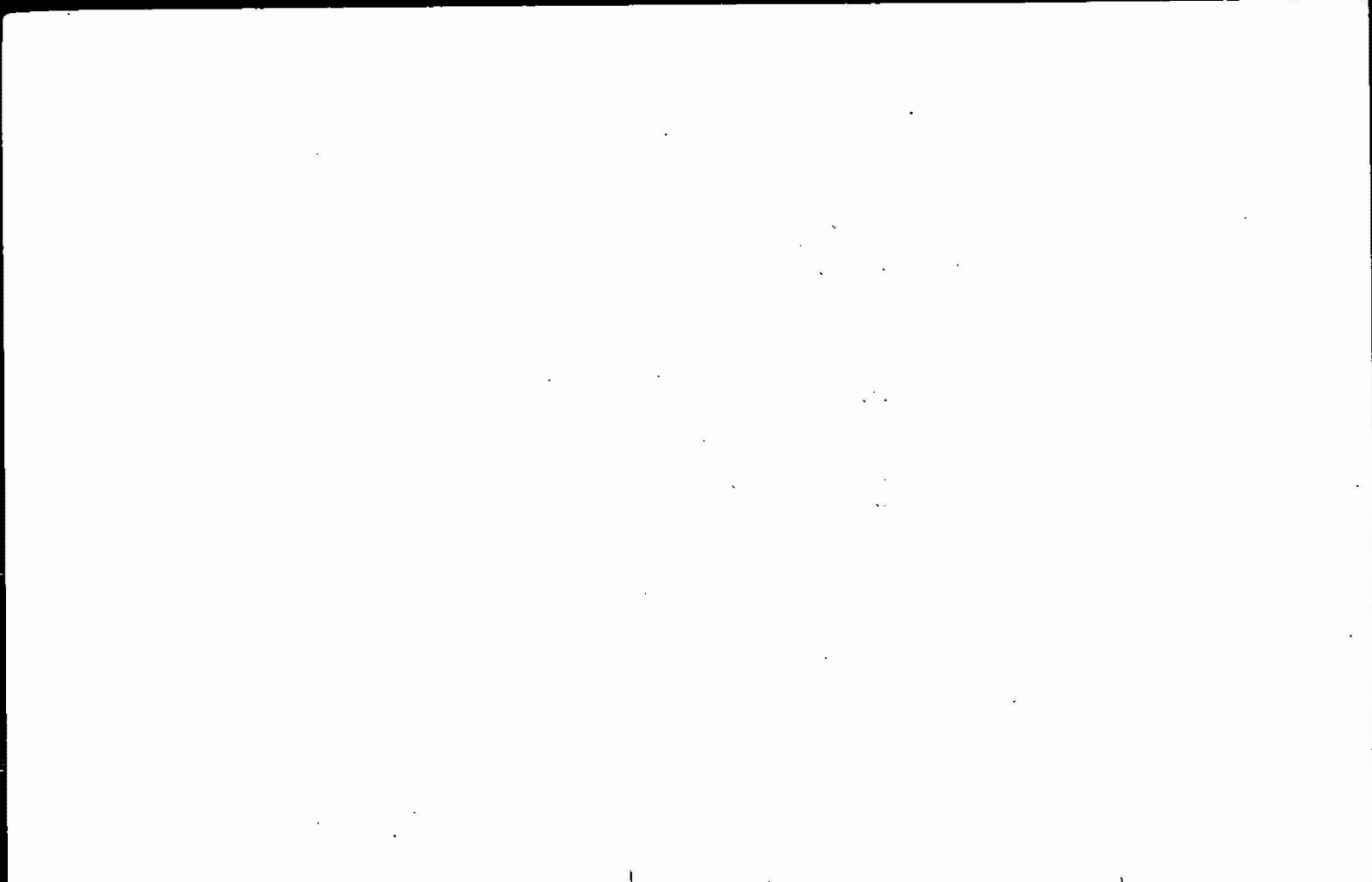
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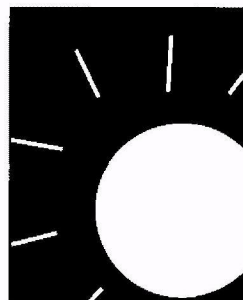


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Introduction

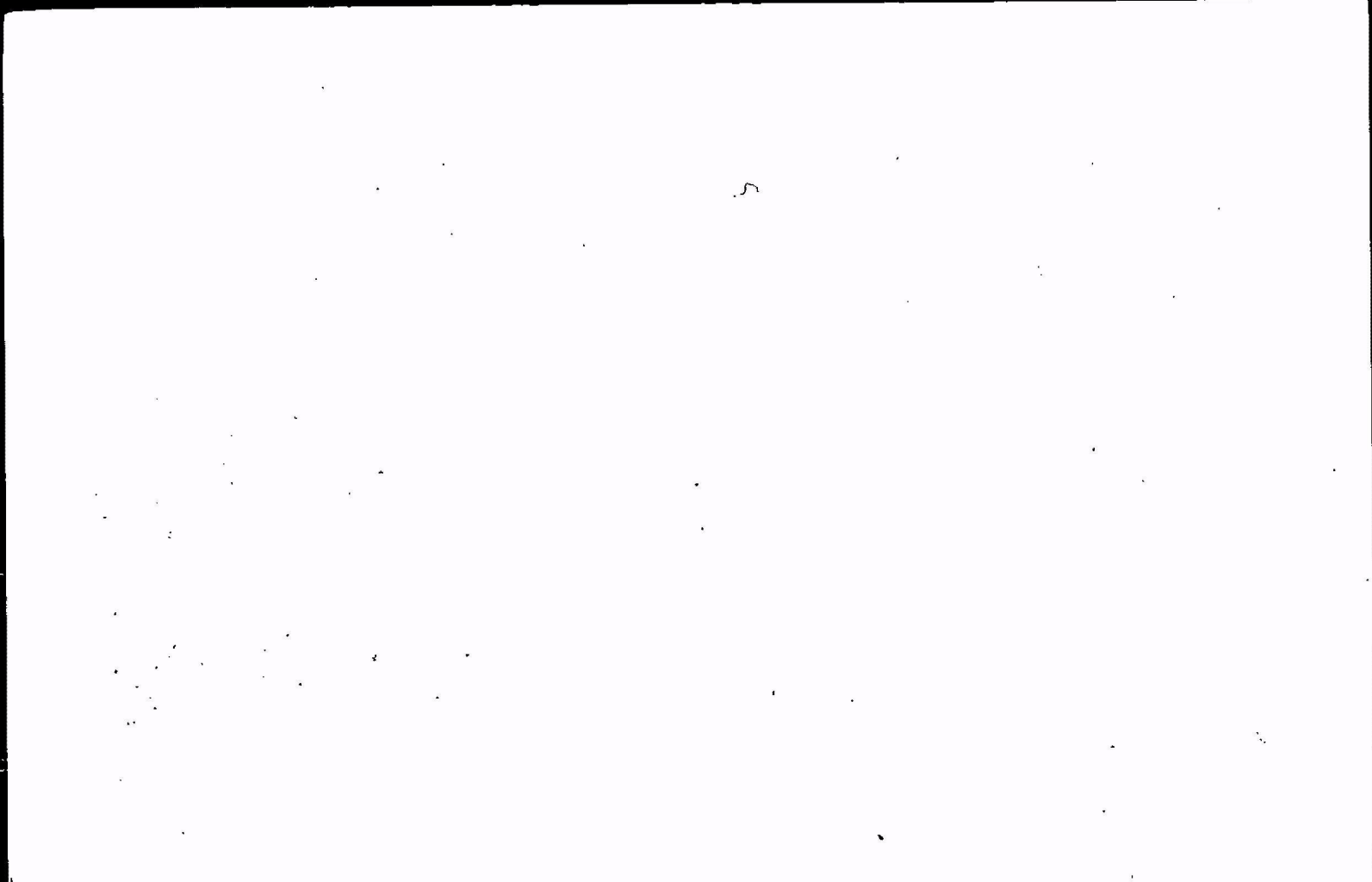
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Indian people today are facing complex issues surrounding the protection of their environment. One of the most pressing is sound solid waste management, compromised for years by the lack of resources, technical expertise, and conflicting priorities.

This brochure was designed especially for you. It identifies potential sources of Federal financial and technical assistance for safely managing solid waste, implementing the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and enhancing Tribal capability. It describes resources available to Tribes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Indian Health Service (IHS), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) and who to contact for more information about obtaining these resources.

We hope that this information will help you in clearing a path through the maze of Federal assistance programs.



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

EPA

EPA may provide technical and financial assistance for solid waste management activities such as:

- Developing Tribal environmental codes;
- Developing Tribal environmental programs;
- Developing solid waste management plans;
- Designing solid waste systems, including disposal, collection, and recycling activities; and
- Enhancing Tribal capability through training.

Grants

Program Development. These grants, made available under Section 8001 of RCRA, are awarded directly to the Tribes on a competitive basis. Tribes apply for and receive these grants through EPA's Regional offices. Contact your Regional Solid Waste Coordinator and/or your Regional Indian Coordinator for more information.

Multi-Media. Federally recognized Tribes and Tribal consortia formed for this purpose are eligible to receive funding through multi-media assistance agreements. These assistance agreements offer a Tribe the opportunity to develop an integrated environmental program and to develop the capability to manage delegated programs. Under these assistance agreements, Tribes can define and develop administrative and legal infrastructures, and can undertake a variety of activities such as environmental assessments, planning, and monitoring. The administrative requirements for a multi-media assistance agreement are minimized so that the Tribe's resources can be focused on program and capacity development.

Receipt of a multi-media assistance agreement does not preclude a Tribe from receiving program- or project-specific grants, for example those available under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act.

Public-Private Partnership (P³). These grants are awarded to develop innovative financing arrangements between the public and private sectors for projects relating to environmental issues. The grants can assist a public entity in establishing a partnership—usually with technical or legal assistance—or can offset the cost of supplying data gathered in a Public-Private Partnership, where the effort can be replicated in another area of the State, Region, Country, or by another Indian Tribe. Tribes must apply through the EPA Regional P³ Coordinator.

Technical Assistance

Direct Regional Technical Assistance. EPA's Regional offices may provide Tribes with contractor support for a variety of solid waste management activities, including developing codes, Tribal environmental programs, and solid waste management plans; closing dumps; and designing solid waste management systems. Contact your Regional Solid Waste Coordinator and/or your Regional Indian Coordinator for more information.

General and Technical Guidance Documents. Solid waste management publications, including copies of rules and guidance documents, are available free of charge from the RCRA/Superfund hotline at 1-800-424-9346.

Solid Waste Information Clearinghouse (SWICH). SWICH is an electronic bulletin board that can provide information, journals, reports, and newsletters on all aspects of solid waste. The SWICH hotline number is 1-800-67-SWICH.

Training. EPA offers a wide range of training courses around the country on solid waste management. A consolidated list of training courses offered by EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) is contained in *The OSWER Source Book* (EPA/540/9-91/001), May 1991, which can be obtained from EPA's Technology Innovation Office (TIO). In addition, TIO publishes a *Quarterly OSWER Training Calendar*. These resources can be obtained by

contacting the EPA, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Technology Innovation Office (OS-110), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. For information on Regionally sponsored courses, contact your Regional Solid Waste Coordinator or Regional Indian Coordinator.



Contacts

EPA Regional Solid Waste Coordinators

Region 1: Boston, MA— <i>Cynthia Green</i>	(617) 223-5531
Region 2: New York, NY— <i>Stan Siegel</i>	(212) 264-3384
Region 3: Philadelphia, PA— <i>Andy Urichcek</i>	(215) 597-0982
Region 4: Atlanta, GA— <i>Pat Zweig</i>	(404) 347-2091
Region 5: Chicago, IL— <i>Andy Tschampa</i>	(312) 353-4686
Region 6: Dallas, TX— <i>Guanita Reiter</i>	(214) 655-6655
Region 7: Kansas City, KS— <i>Chet McLaughlin</i>	(913) 551-7666
Region 8: Denver, CO— <i>David Schaller</i>	(303) 293-1660
Region 9: San Francisco, CA— <i>Jeff Scott</i>	(415) 744-2091
Region 10: Seattle, WA— <i>Paula Van Haag'an</i>	(206) 553-6639

EPA Regional Indian Coordinators

Region 1: Boston, MA— <i>Ann Fenn</i>	(617) 565-3927
Region 2: New York, NY— <i>Robert Hargrove</i>	(212) 264-6722
Region 3: Philadelphia, PA—	None
Region 4: Atlanta, GA— <i>Arthur Linton</i>	(404) 881-3776
Region 5: Chicago, IL— <i>Casey Ambutas</i>	(312) 353-1394
Region 6: Dallas, TX— <i>Ernest Woods</i>	(214) 655-2260
Region 7: Kansas City, KS— <i>Ira Salvini</i>	(913) 551-7817
Region 8: Denver, CO— <i>Caren Rothstein</i>	(303) 294-1114

Region 9: San Francisco, CA—*Roccena Lawatch* (415) 744-1602
Region 10: Seattle, WA—*Steven Roy* (206) 553-2118

EPA Headquarters

Office of Solid Waste Indian Programs Manager—*Judith Kane* (202) 260-5096
National Indian Program Coordinator—*Martin Topper* (202) 260-5051

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)



BIA

BIA is a division of the Department of the Interior. BIA aids Tribes by:

- Ensuring that all Tribal solid waste management activities meet all applicable environmental requirements;
- Planning and reviewing solid waste projects;
- Assisting with cleanup projects; and
- Lending equipment and operators.

Grants

Short-Term Equipment Loans. BIA may lend earth-moving equipment and operator personnel to Indian Tribes for solid waste management projects. The Tribal Chairperson should write a formal request for an equipment loan to the Regional Field Office Director.

Indian Revolving Loan Fund and Indian Loan Guaranty Fund. These funds are available to a Tribal member who operates a for-profit venture related to solid waste management. Tribal members should contact their Regional Area BIA Credit Office for specific details.

Technical Assistance

Expert Advice. BIA provides technical advice on siting and maintaining solid waste facilities, including staffing and equipment, as well as the sources and availability of funds from other agencies. Requests for advice should be made in writing by the Tribal Chairperson to the Regional Area BIA Field Office, Natural Resource Division.

NEPA Compliance Advice. BIA can determine the type of documentation and studies that are necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). BIA is the lead agency for scoping and reviewing Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for solid waste management projects on Indian lands. Call the Regional BIA Field Office, Natural Resource Division, for compliance advice.



Contact

BIA Headquarters at (202) 208-3711, or one of the Area Field Offices:

Aberdeen, SD— <i>Jerry Jaeger</i>	(605) 226-7343
Albuquerque, NM— <i>Sidney Mills</i>	(505) 766-3754
Anadarko, OK— <i>L. Bill Collier</i>	(405) 247-6673
Billings, MN— <i>Richard Whitesell</i>	(406) 657-6315
Gallop, NM (Navajo)— <i>Walter Mills</i>	(505) 863-8261
Juneau, AK— <i>Niles Cesar</i>	(907) 586-7177
Minneapolis, MN— <i>Earl Barlow</i>	(612) 373-1010
Muskogee, OK— <i>Merrit Youngdeer</i>	(918) 687-2296
Phoenix, AZ— <i>Wilson Barber, Jr.</i>	(602) 379-6600
Portland, OR— <i>Stanley Speaks</i>	(503) 231-6702
Sacramento, CA— <i>Ronald Jaeger</i>	(916) 978-4691
Washington, D.C.— <i>Billie D. Ott</i>	(703) 235-2571

The Indian Health Service (IHS)



The Indian Health Service (IHS) is an agency of the Public Health Service (PHS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Activities conducted by IHS to assist American Indians and Alaska Natives with solid waste management include:

- Surveying solid waste management needs;
- Developing solid waste management plans;
- Designing solid waste collection and disposal facilities;
- Funding solid waste collection and disposal facilities;
- Assisting in identifying and obtaining funds from other sources;
- Training and technical assistance in operation of solid waste management programs; and
- Surveying solid waste disposal sites.

Grants

Cooperative Agreements. IHS funding for solid waste management projects is provided under Public Law 86-121 through cooperative agreements with Tribes or Communities. Project priority lists are established for all sanitation facility needs (water, sewer, and solid waste) and available funds are used to fund the top priority projects. Sanitation facilities construction funds may be used for: (1) engineering studies, (2) design, (3) development of solid waste disposal sites, (4) equipment (for collection, storage, and disposal), (5) initial community educational programs and worker training, and (6) closure of existing sites.

The IHS Area or Field offices should be contacted to request assistance.

Technical Assistance

Expert Advice. The IHS implements a comprehensive environmental health program for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS may carry out the program directly with Area and Field office environmental health professionals or the Tribe may take responsibility for program implementation under the Indian Self-Determination Act with IHS assistance. Technical assistance relative to solid waste management may include: (1) surveys of solid waste disposal sites, (2) assistance with development of Tribal codes and ordinances, (3) assistance with development and/or review of management plans, (4) assistance with community education campaigns, (5) training of solid waste program managers and other workers, (6) assistance with identifying funding sources, and (7) assistance with evaluating and identifying solutions for operational problems.

Assistance is obtained through the IHS Area or Field offices; availability of assistance is determined based on current workload and priorities established for the total environmental health program.



Contact

Aberdeen, SD— <i>Terry Hausken</i>	(605) 226-7451
Anchorage, AK— <i>Dan Rogness</i>	(907) 271-4700
Albuquerque, NM— <i>William LaRoche</i>	(505) 766-2139
Beמידji, MN— <i>Kent Johnson</i>	(218) 751-7701
Billings, MT— <i>George Allen</i>	(406) 657-6451
Nashville, TN— <i>Keith Enders</i>	(615) 736-5104
Oklahoma City, OK— <i>Randy Grinnell</i>	(405) 231-5061
Portland, OR— <i>Tim Webster</i>	(503) 221-2001
Sacramento, CA— <i>Bruce Ferris</i>	(916) 978-4217
Phoenix, AZ— <i>Bruce Bad Moccasin</i>	(602) 263-1650
Tucson, AZ— <i>Rod Gardner</i>	(602) 629-5018
Window Rock, AZ— <i>Charles Dowell</i>	(602) 871-4811

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)



HUD

HUD, through its Office of Indian Housing, provides assistance for the following activities:

- Planning sanitation activities, including water, sewage, and solid waste.

Grants

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). Solid waste projects can receive limited funding through these grants and are only one of many needs that can be addressed by CDBG funds. Funding is normally made available on an annual basis through a competitive process.

Each year, HUD publishes a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) describing the factors that will be used to evaluate applications. For FY 1991 and FY 1992, however, a joint NOFA was published in the *Federal Register* on April 7, 1992. Applications must be submitted by July 31, 1992 to the Office of Indian Programs. Tribal Chairpersons should contact one of the six HUD Offices of Indian Programs for more information on these grants. The HUD Headquarters office responsible for overseeing this program can be reached at (202) 708-1322.

Indian Housing Program Funds. Funds are available through the Office of Public and Indian Housing to properly establish IHAs for home design and construction as well as off-site sanitation facilities such as water, sewage, and solid waste. Each Tribe's IHA is responsible for applying for funds and developing and operating these housing projects. HUD furnishes technical and financial assistance for planning, developing, and managing these projects. IHAs should submit applications to the HUD Regional Indian Field Office. For further information on the Indian Housing Program Funds, contact HUD Headquarters at (202) 708-1015.

Technical Assistance

Sewer and Sanitary Advice. HUD's Regional Offices furnish technical advice for all aspects of projects for which they are responsible.

HUD Offices of Indian Programs

Anchorage, AK— <i>Marlin Knight</i>	(907) 271-4170
Chicago, IL— <i>Leon Jacobs</i>	(312) 353-1282
Denver, CO— <i>Vernon Haragara</i>	(303) 844-2963
Oklahoma City, OK— <i>Hugh Johnson</i>	(405) 231-4101
Phoenix, AZ— <i>Ralph Mecham</i>	(603) 379-4156
Seattle, WA— <i>Jerry Leslie</i>	(206) 553-5414

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA)



ANA is a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ANA provides funding for a variety of social and economic development activities including:

- Developing action-oriented approaches to environmental protection and enhancement;
- Promoting social and economic self-sufficiency for Indian tribes; and
- Enabling and strengthening Tribal self governance.

Grants

Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS). These development grants fund long-range projects that will enhance a Tribe's social and economic development. Solid waste management activities other than facility construction, operation, and maintenance

are eligible for financial assistance through SEDS. Projects are judged competitively. For an application kit, write to: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, Room 344F, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20201-0001, [Attention: No. 13612-921], or call (202) 245-7730.

Coordinated Discretionary Funds (CDF). These grants are awarded to develop innovative projects in priority areas that can serve as prototypes among all Native American communities. Although these funds are limited each year by Congressional allocation, they may be applied to innovative solid waste management programs. Information and applications may be obtained from the ANA in Washington, DC, (same address as above), (202) 245-7776.

Small Business Innovative Program. Every two years, the ANA invites proposals for research on economic development that may include environmental programs. Contracts are awarded for research and planning. Information may be obtained from Darryl Summers, ANA in Washington, DC (same address as above), at (202) 245-7714.

Additional Resources

We have listed the key Federal agencies involved in environmental activities on Indian lands.
You may also want to contact the following for information on additional sources of funds:

Department of Energy (202) 586-1692
(Grants for inventions relating to energy-saving technologies.)

Department of Labor (202) 535-8691
(Offers on the Job Partnership Act Grants.)

Small Business Administration 1-800-827-5722
(Minority management and technical assistance for business.)

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