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# 2022-2023 Tribal Energy Innovators Fellowship Application

## Tribal Energy Innovation Fellowship (TEI)

### Application Instructions:

Please refer to the TSAF-Tribal Energy Innovators RFA for; important dates for fellowship activities (timeline and reporting), application review and selection criteria, eligibility, and submission guidelines. The application sections are divided into three parts: 1) Application Information, 2) Narrative Questions, and 3) Application attachments (Letter of Recommendation, additional info related to project or budget).

Application Information - Please answer questions 1 - 5. Questions within this section are typical applicant information that will provide the TSAF- TEI Fellowship with qualitative and quantitative data needed for reviewing and scoring of the application and fellowship tracking. Your application information section will likely be 1 - 2 pages in length.

Narrative Questions - There are seven sections that are directly tied to the TSAF criteria outlined in the TSAF-TEI Fellowship RFP. Each section requires a narrative response to the question(s), please pay close attention to the suggested word count.

### **Helpful Hints**

- Please thoroughly read the application, and direct questions to [programs@tribalsolar.org](mailto:programs@tribalsolar.org)
- All questions are required to be completed unless stated as “if applicable.”

- Application information questions and fellowship proposal sections may not exceed 10 pages, TSAF will only review and score the first 10 pages and disregard any additional pages.
- **\*IMPORTANT\*** If you are applying via Word document, please combine all application materials into ONE PDF package, if you send applications with multiple attachments, only the first attachment will be reviewed.

**PLEASE COPY AND PASTE THE APPLICATION INFORMATION AND NARRATIVE PROPOSAL QUESTIONS INTO A SEPARATE WORD DOCUMENT TO COMPLETE YOUR RESPONSES. PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES AS A PDF.**

**Application Information:**

1. TEI Applicant info (*Name, Address, Email Address, Phone Number*)
2. History and list of communities served by Tribal member (TEI applicant): (*In 250 words or less, please provide a brief background statement about your personal work with your tribe*)
3. Requested stipend amount (up to \$25,000, recipient will be responsible for filing taxes on the award.)
4. Have you, or your tribe worked with GRID Alternatives? If yes, what type of solar project? \_\_\_Community \_\_\_Residential \_\_\_other

**Narrative Questions:**

- **Solid and concrete matches between fellowship goals and energy innovation**
  1. Please address the energy issue that you are trying to solve, including how you will: utilize tribal and non-tribal experts; identify priorities while taking tribal assets, resources, and cultural impacts into consideration; and how your idea will best meet the overall energy needs of the tribe. (500-words max).
- **Clear focus on building renewable energy infrastructure in the tribal community**
  1. What do we need to understand about your community to better understand the energy issues facing your tribal community? (500-word max).
- **Demonstrated ability and/or experience necessary for a successful project**
  1. Describe why you are positioned to lead and/or support energy issues for your tribe. (500-words max)

- **Clear plan of action, including specific goals and measurable objectives**

*Please state the primary objectives for a tribal energy innovation fellowship/grant. Questions to consider, please use the questions below to guide the primary objectives. (500 words max)*

1. How did you decide to focus on this energy problem or opportunity?
2. What are your top three goals? What is your plan of action to achieve your goals? And how will you measure success?
3. Who (tribal leadership, community, etc) identified the problem that you are working on solving?
4. What are the top three potential community impacts from developing your energy issue idea(s)?

- **Budget narratives**

1. Please provide a brief budget narrative detailing how you plan to spend the \$25,000 fellowship stipend. (200-word max)

- **Partnerships that engage broad tribal community participation and support**

1. Describe the work that brought you to this point and how it has informed the activities you have proposed for this fellowship? Include the current renewable energy resources in your community. (500 words max)

- **Potential for application in your tribal community**

1. Will your innovation be unique to your tribe, or location? (200-words max)

Upon selection, a signed acknowledgement form accepting the fellowship funds will be required. A “fill in the blanks” letter template will be provided to selected fellows.

Thank you for applying to the Third Tribal Energy Innovators Fellowship through the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund!