At the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund (TSAF) we understand and value the community-based solutions for climate action are the result of local tribal leadership. Every day we advance resources for tribal communities and tribal energy champions by leveraging philanthropic, individual, and corporate funding for tribal renewable energy projects and programs that are educational, entrepreneurial, and completely renewable.

Nearly 70% of all TSAF projects are fully funded so that tribes are full owners of their systems which is a true and just transition to clean energy. TSAF
leadership programs also ensure that tribal members from the communities we partner with have equitable access to career pathways and the economic benefits of renewable energy.

The ability to plan, develop and regulate clean energy is an expression of energy sovereignty and self-determination for tribal communities. Giving to the TSAF adds impact to our TSAF community of 65 tribal grantees and 40+ individual tribal energy leaders!

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TSAF Grant Programs

TSAF recently visited the Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC) on the Fort Berthold reservation. Located in the heart of oil country of North Dakota, NHSC is leading the transition to clean energy for its campus and students. The grant awarded to NHSC is funding the installation of solar panels on their cultural building and main campus building with expected completion in early 2023. This project, along with others, was funded through the Tribal Facility and Residential grant program which offered up to $200K in funding for tribes and tribal organizations. The next round of grant offerings will be available in Spring 2023. If interested in applying on behalf of your tribe, please visit us at www.tribalsolar.org for more information.
My name is Jennifer Fragua. I am an enrolled member of the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe in Fallon, Nevada and I am also Jemez from Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico. I am currently a student in the Pre-Engineering program at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota.

My name is Carl Tayah-Yazzie. I am Diné and live in Chinle, Arizona. I am studying for a Bachelor of Arts in American Indian Studies with a double major in Law from the University of Arizona.
My name is Nicole Shirley and I am a member of the Sicangu Lakota and Dine’ tribes. I am originally from the northeast region of Arizona in a small town known as Kayenta, Az. My current major is Business Administration with a minor in Environmental Science where I am a full time student at Tohono O'odham Community College.

Ashley Miles is an enrolled member of Santa Ana Nation in Bernalillo New Mexico and part of the Hopi Nation in Moenkopi Arizona. Ashley is studying Biology and Business management with a specialization in software systems.
Ya’at’eeh (Hello), my name is Shania Yazzie born and raised on the Navajo Nation in Fort Defiance, AZ. I am Navajo and a senior at Northern Arizona University and will be graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Natural Resource Management by December 2022.

My name is Brett Alberts and am an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Nation in North Dakota. I grew up in Bismarck, ND where I attend United Tribes Technical College studying for a BS degree in Environmental Science and Research with a planned graduation date of May 2023.

GRID National Tribal Program

The Tribal Program recently wrapped up a solar project in partnership with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colorado. 23 homes received roof-
mounted solar systems and a ground mount was installed at the tribe's Supportive Housing Facility. These systems, totalling 160 kW-DC, are estimated to save the Towaoc community $746,000 on utility bills and generate a total of 5,243,200 kWh of clean, renewable energy. Scott Clow, the tribe's Environmental Programs Director, has worked with GRID for the past couple of years to pursue funding and develop solar projects that meet community needs. In 2020, the tribe completed a 1-megawatt community solar array to offset electrical needs and costs for tribal members in Towaoc. The project represents 30-40% of the electricity demand in Towaoc and created a number of local jobs. With the completion of the most recent solar project, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe takes a step closer to reaching zero emission goals.

The Tribal Program is currently working with the Ojo Encino Chapter in New Mexico to install a handful of residential solar systems. Out of 15 systems, 6 are off-grid refurbishments and will provide clients with newer battery storage technology and more reliable and consistent electricity production. The ongoing partnership between GRID and the Ojo Encino Chapter has increased the electrification of homes throughout the community and has created a number of workforce development opportunities for residents and local students. TSAF Tribal Energy Innovator fellow, Dr. Anthony Nicholson (Diné), was also able to join the Tribal Program installation at Ojo Encino to gain some valuable hands-on experience with the team.
This year, the Tribal Program partnered with tribes to install a total of 235 kW-DC of solar on tribal land and facilitated workforce development opportunities for 24 individuals.

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