



**TRIBAL SOLAR**  
**ACCELERATOR FUND**

GRID Alternatives

## A Year of Impacts

The Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund is a program designed to support the development and deployment of solar energy projects in Native American communities. This innovative program, part of GRID Alternatives, is focused on promoting renewable energy sources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and increasing energy independence in Native American communities.

Renewable energy is crucial for the protection of the environment and the health and well-being of communities around the world. In particular, Native American communities are often located in remote areas without access to reliable energy sources, making renewable energy projects a particularly important solution.

The Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund has been instrumental in providing much-needed support to Native American communities seeking to develop and implement solar energy projects. By providing funding, technical assistance, and other resources, the program has helped to increase the adoption of solar energy in these communities and promote a more sustainable future.



**751**

**KILOWATTS**  
TOTAL KW INSTALLED

**\$3.2**

**MILLION**  
TOTAL FUNDING AWARDED

**27**

**TOTAL GRANTEES**  
12 STATES REPRESENTED



Hau Mitakuyapi (hello relatives!),

I am so thankful and proud to be a part of the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund from conceptualization to launch of the first round of grantmaking and leadership programming in early 2019, to now wrapping up the fourth round of annual grantmaking! In 2022, the TSAF funded 27 tribal grantees and supported 17 tribal individuals who are strengthening the renewable energy capacity in their tribal communities to lead the way to an energy resilient future.

In 2022, we met three key objectives:

- Increased access to philanthropic funding for tribal communities to progress toward their renewable energy goals;
- Supported tribal leaders (changemakers) and youth in learning about and understanding how to plan for renewable energy in their respective communities;
- Supported tribal partners build capacity to address their community's energy needs; and achieve their renewable energy visions.

We could not do this important work without our partners in philanthropy, the renewable energy industry, and our TSAF grantees and leadership program participants! Please learn more about our programming and opportunities to donate at [www.tribalsolar.org](http://www.tribalsolar.org)

Wopila Tanka (Many Thanks),



**Tanksi Clairmont**  
(Sisseton Wahpeton  
Dakota/Sicangu Lakota)  
Managing Director  
Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund

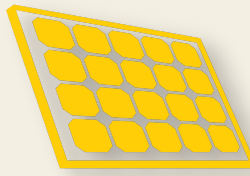
## The Impact



**\$4.3**

### LIFETIME ENERGY SAVINGS

Lifetime energy savings represent the cumulative energy savings over the lifespan of a project. Energy savings are important because they reduce energy consumption resulting in lower operating costs and reduced environmental impact.



**87**

### TOTAL SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

71 Residential Systems averaging between 5kW and 7kW

16 Facility Systems averaging between 20 kW and 30 kW



**120+**

### TRIBAL MEMBERS TRAINED

Workforce development empowers tribes, preserves cultural traditions, addresses skills gaps, and promotes economic self-sufficiency and sovereignty. It is a crucial investment in the future of tribal communities ensuring long-term success.

## "The impact of giving today inspires a brighter tomorrow"

Giving to non-profits that support Native American philanthropy is an important way to help address the historical injustices that these communities have faced. Through philanthropy, donors can support important causes such as education, cultural preservation, and economic development in Native American communities. By supporting these causes, donors can help create positive change in these communities and contribute to a more just and equitable society.

## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IMPACTS

### TRIBAL EDUCATION SUPPORT

**\$160,000** Total Funding Awarded

**6** Scholarships Awarded

**6** Experiential Learners

**10** Tribes Represented

### TRIBAL ENERGY INNOVATORS FELLOWSHIP

**\$100,000** Total Funding Awarded

**4** Tribal Members Served

**4** States Represented

**4** Tribes Represented

# Brightening the Path to Sustainability in Native Communities



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## Empowering Native Communities

Empowering Native communities through the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund is an important step towards creating a more just and equitable society. Native American communities have long faced challenges related to access to basic necessities like clean water and reliable energy sources. By providing support for renewable energy projects, the program is helping to address these challenges and promote economic development in these communities. In addition to the economic benefits of renewable energy projects, the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund is also helping to promote cultural preservation and community engagement. By involving community members in the development and implementation of solar energy projects, the program is fostering a sense of ownership and pride in these projects and helping to preserve cultural traditions.

**By investing in renewable energy and supporting economic development, the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund is helping to address longstanding challenges faced by Native American communities and promoting a brighter future for all.**







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## **Wopila Tanka** *(Many Thanks, Lakota)*

Thank you to all our fundraising supporters! Your generous contributions have helped us to make a significant impact on Native American communities through the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund. Your support has enabled us to promote renewable energy, increase energy independence, and foster economic development in these communities. We could not have done this without your help and we are truly grateful for your support. Together, we are working towards a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

## **Our 2022 Supporters**

**Bezos Earth Fund**

**Intuit Foundation**

**Sempra Energy Foundation**

**General Motors**

**Illumina Foundation**

**Grove Foundation**



## **TSAF Advisory Council**



*"I strive to bring relevant information that helps the TSAF program serve Tribes effectively."*

**Daniel Wiggins Jr. (WI)**

Bad River Band of Lake Superior  
Tribe of Chippewa Indians



*"TSAF programs are providing training and capacity building opportunities that are empowering to Tribes as they move toward energy sovereignty."*

**Stephanie Bostwick (WA)**

Blackfeet Tribe



*"The Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund is a great asset for Indian Country – it is a prime example of a Native-led organization that understands our people working directly to deliver solar resources where they literally light up homes! I am proud of the work TSAF is doing for Native individuals, families, entrepreneurs and tribes."*

**Jackson Brossy (DC)**

Navajo Nation



*"TSAF is a critical organization to support tribes in the transition to renewable energy. They serve a unique demographic and have the culturally appropriate understanding of working with Tribal Nations."*

**Collette Brown-Rodriguez (AZ)**

Confederated Salish Kootenai & Navajo