Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund - Tribal Energy Innovators Fellowship

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Webinar Overview

Section I: GRID Alternatives and Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Overview
• GRID mission, vision, snapshot history, Tribal Program history
• TSAF mission, vision, purpose, snapshot history, Wells Fargo funding
• 2019 TSAF grantee profiles

Section II: TEI Fellowship Overview
• TEI priorities and objectives
• TEI criteria, eligibility, submission guidelines, application review and scoring
• Awarded fellowship information: fellowship contract, communications agreement, receiving disbursement, fellowship timeline, check-in and reporting to the TSAF
• End of TEI convening: purpose, location, date (tbd)
Meet the Team

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VP Philanthropy
TSAF Founder

Tanksi Clairmont
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TSAF Director

Jess Dykstra
National Grants Manager
GRID Alternatives

- GRID mission
- GRID vision
- GRID history
- GRID National Tribal Program
Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund

• TSAF Mission
• TSAF Vision
• TSAF Purpose
• TSAF Origin Story
2019 TSAF Solar Project Grantees

Big Pine Paiute Tribe - Big Pine Paiute Water Pump Solar Project
Chemehuevi Indian Tribe - Chemehuevi Single Family Solar Project
Kashia Band of Pomo Indians - Solar Electric Systems for 4 Low-Income Members of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority - Solar Electric Systems for 10 Low-Income Members of the Northern Circle Indian Tribes
Ojo Encino Chapter - Ojo Encino Solar Project
Picuris Pueblo - Pueblo of Picuris Community Solar System Phase II
Pinoleville Pomo Nation - Pinoleville Pomo Nation Youth Education Facility-RoofTop Solar Demonstration Project
Rosebud Sioux Tribe - Rosebud Sioux Tribe Sicangu Village Solar Partnership Initiative
Round Valley Indian Housing Authority (RVIHA) - Solar Electric Systems for 10 Low-Income Members of the Round Valley Indian tribes
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians - San Pasqual Band Solar and Microgrid
Timbisha Shoshone - Dependable Home Power
United Tribes Technical College - United Tribes Technical College’s Solar for Everyone Initiative
Wiyot Tribe - Solar Electric Systems for 4 Low-Income Members of the Wiyot Tribe
Yurok Tribe - Yurok Solar Project-Tulley Creek Facilities Project
To support the development of innovative ideas and the use of problem-solving processes that lead to sustainable renewable energy solutions for a tribal community.
TEI Objectives

To provide a modest fellowship award to plan and develop new solutions to tribal community renewable energy challenges.

To engage the tribal community, make the most of existing assets, and work collaboratively with other tribal organizations.

To learn from and be mentored by an industry professional on best practices in renewable energy for rural and underserved communities, business/enterprise models and planning, and other areas of technical support.
Application and Submission Details

- Application guidelines document
- Applicant forms (word doc or google form)
- Application Information section and narrative section
- Submission

All forms are downloadable on tribalsolar.org
Application review and final selection criteria

• **7 sections**
  ✓ Solid and concrete matches between fellowship purpose and energy innovation
  ✓ Clear focus on building renewable energy infrastructure in the tribal community
  ✓ Demonstrated ability and/or experience necessary for a successful project
  ✓ Clear plan of action, including specific goals and measurable objectives
  ✓ Budget narrative
  ✓ Partnerships that engage broad tribal community participation and support
  ✓ Potential for application and replication in other tribal communities

• **Strengths – Weaknesses – Additional Comments**

• **100 total points**
Examples of acceptable and non-acceptable applications

**ACCEPTABLE**
- Personal Time
- Workforce development activities associated with a solar install
- Equipment and supplies (panels, energy storage/battery)

**NON-ACCEPTABLE**
- Construction of facility or residential structures
- Facilities purchase
- Land purchase
TEI commitments:

BI-MONTHLY CHECK-INS: INDIVIDUAL AND COHORT CALLS

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

FINAL CONVENING “DEMONSTRATION DAY”
Examples of Energy Plan Components

- Goal(s) and objective(s)
- Topographic limitations, environmental, and land-use constraints
- Evaluate technologies, potential scales of development, and economic viability
- Renewable energy cost, capacity and generation attributes and potential, regional market electricity prices, and energy-support policies
TEI Awards: $10,000

Must have a signed fellowship contract and W-9 by January 10, 2020

Awards will be split into two payments of $5000; first payment by February 1, 2020, and the second payment by July 1, 2020

The second payment will be contingent on participation in 2 of 3 individual check-in calls by July 1, 2020.
TEI Timeline and Reporting

- **FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION DUE:** December 2, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. MST
- **AWARD/DENIAL NOTIFICATION S**
- **FELLOWSHIP TIMELINE (START/END)**
- **INDIVIDUAL CHECK-IN’S WITH TSAF STAFF:** Bi-monthly starting in Feb 2020
- **COHORT CHECK-IN’S WITH TSAF STAFF:** Bi-monthly starting in March 2020
- **FELLOWSHIP CONVENING**
- **FELLOWSHIP REPORT DUE**
QUESTIONS?

Please see our TEI FAQ’s page on Tribalsolar.org

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!