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## Tribal Energy Innovators Fellowship Application

### **Application Instructions:**

Please refer to the TSAF-Tribal Energy Innovators application guidelines document for important dates for fellowship eligibility, required activities, application review and selection criteria, and submission guidelines. The application sections are divided into two parts: 1) Application Information and 2) Narrative Questions

**Application Information** - Please answer questions 1 - 5. Questions within this section are typical applicant information that will provide the TSAF staff and review team with qualitative and quantitative data needed for scoring all applications. Your application information section will likely be 1 page in length.

**Narrative Questions** - There are seven sections that are directly tied to the criteria outlined in the TEI Fellowship Application Guidelines. Each section requires a narrative response to the question(s), please pay close attention to the suggested word count. Your Narrative Questions section should be between 3 - 7 pages.

### **Helpful Hints**

- Please thoroughly read the application, and direct questions to Tanksi Clairmont at [tclairmont@gridalternatives.org](mailto:tclairmont@gridalternatives.org).
- All questions are required to be completed unless stated as "if applicable."
- Application information questions plus the narrative section may not exceed 8 pages, TSAF will only review and score the first 8 pages and disregard any additional pages.
- **\*IMPORTANT\*** If you are applying via Word document, please combine all application materials into ONE PDF file, if you send an application 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 ONE PDF.**

**Application Information:**

1. Heading: 2021 Tribal Energy Innovators Fellowship: Applicant Name and applicant traditional tribal name and translation if available
2. Applicant name (individual Tribal member/or tribal group): *Name, Address, Email Address, Phone Number*  
\*If applicant is a tribal organization, please provide: Primary Organization Contact (*Name, Title, Email Address, Phone Number*)
3. Additional members/staff contact information (*Name, Title, Email Address, Phone Number*)
4. History and list of communities served by Tribal member: (*In 250 words or less, please provide a brief background statement about your personal work with your tribe/organization, as well as list the communities served by your tribe/organization \*if applicable*)
5. Requested grant amount (up to \$5,000, recipient will be responsible for filing taxes on the award. *Please provide a budget narrative on how you plan to spend the award.*)
6. Have you, or your tribe/organization 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. Enter a 250-400 word narrative proposal that addresses 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.
- **Clear focus on building renewable energy infrastructure in the tribal community**
  1. Provide a brief introduction to your community. What do we need to understand about your community to better understand the energy issues facing your tribe?
- **Demonstrated ability and/or experience necessary for a successful project**

1. Describe why you are positioned to lead on energy issues for your tribe.
- **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.*

    1. How did you decide to focus on this energy problem or opportunity?
    2. What are your goals? What is your plan of action to achieve your goals? And how will you measure success?
    3. Who informed, or was involved in, identifying 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 explaining how you plan to spend the award.
  - **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've proposed for this fellowship/grant? Include the current renewable energy resources in your community.
  - **Potential for application in your tribal community**
    1. Will your innovation be unique to your tribe, or location?

Upon selection, a signed acknowledgement form accepting Wells Fargo Program Funds will be required. A "fill in the blanks" letter template will be provided to selected fellows.

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