



Partnership Overview: **GRID Alternatives National Tribal Program**

Energy resilience and self-sufficiency is an essential issue for indigenous communities all over the world. In the United States, tribal lands remain some of the least developed in the nation, often lacking access to clean water and sustainable energy. Additionally, tribes have a long history of energy exploitation, particularly with extractive industries. Developing locally managed renewable energy offers Tribes the opportunity to take control of their energy resources. It also keeps local dollars in the community and allows tribes to see the long-term environmental and economic benefits of their investment.

Organization Summary:

[GRID Alternative's National Tribal Program](#) has been working with tribes across the United States since 2010 to develop locally sited and managed solar energy solutions. Their projects vary in scope a, ranging from single rooftop solar installations to large-scale projects that meet the energy needs of the whole community.



To support and grow capacity in the community, GRID offers tribal members the opportunity to learn about solar installation and related energy issues. Through working with tribal colleges and workforce development programs, GRID provides students with hands-on solar training and connections to local solar companies. Additionally, they offer workshops and education to tribal members; and work with k-12 schools to introduce students to renewable energy. GRID also offers year-long paid fellowship opportunities for tribal members to further develop their solar installation skills to hire-reading level.

2020 Projects:

In 2020, GRID Tribal plans to complete an 14 - 20 projects on the Navajo Nation, including a potential demonstration project with the Torreon Chapter. Additionally, they will launch their first solar projects in Alaska and will return to Rosebud Sioux for a community solar installation. Here are links to two recent blog posts on our Tribal work with the [Spokane Tribe in Washington](#) and the [Ojo Encino Chapter on the Navajo Nation](#).



Total Commitment: \$300,000 over 3 years