



Supporting the self-determined pursuit of

TRIBAL ENERGY SOVEREIGNTY



Indigenous Power & Light Fund for Energy Sovereignty



The Indigenous Power & Light Fund for Energy Sovereignty is a timely philanthropic initiative of the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, in collaboration with the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, The Lemelson Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and other leading philanthropies, created to provide unmet financial support to Tribally led clean energy projects.

With an initial goal of \$100 million, this catalytic pool of philanthropy embodies a bold commitment to redirect a portion of the nation's wealth to address longstanding energy injustices that have marginalized tribal communities for over a century.

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Who We Are

The Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy is an Indigenous-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to supporting the self-determined and just transition of Native American Tribes to a clean energy future. Our mission is to advance energy sovereignty as a pathway to economic security, climate resilience, and the protection of Mother Earth for future generations.

We are 100% philanthropically funded, allowing us to offer Tribes the **highest level of clean energy development expertise—at no cost.**

What We Do

The Alliance delivers wrap-around technical, financial, policy, and capacity-building expertise, grounded in Indigenous cultural values, to ensure that clean energy systems are **Tribal-led, culturally aligned, and built for lasting success.**

We work exclusively for and with Tribes, upholding sovereignty and self-determination in every engagement. We offer no-cost services and resources to Tribes through six pillars of support.

Our Approach

We believe a truly just energy transition must be led by Tribes and Tribal members—by Native people, for Native people—whenever possible. Our work is built on trust, cultural respect, and the unwavering principle that **energy sovereignty is foundational to Tribal sovereignty.**

INFORMATION & EVENTS

As a respected national convener, we connect Tribes with experts, peers, and vetted resources through flagship gatherings and initiatives, including:

- **Tribal Energy Evolution Summit (TEES)**
- **Tribal Clean Energy Technology Symposium @ RE+**
- **Tribal Clean Energy Finance Forum**
- **Solar for All TRIBES** initiative
- **Energy Quest** webinar series

Tribal Clean Energy Resource Library:

The Alliance is also building a robust online resource library to make clean energy knowledge and tools more accessible to all Tribal Nations.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

The Alliance offers comprehensive energy assessments, planning, and development support—from initial vision to operational success—led by Native and non-Native subject matter experts and guided by experienced Tribal Liaisons. Our approach:

- Begins with deep, respectful engagement with leadership and community members to understand each Nation's goals before engaging in energy planning
- Honors traditional governance and relationship-building to ensure projects serve Tribal priorities, not outside agendas
- Connects Tribes with ethical, qualified clean energy developers and service providers through our **Preferred Provider Program**—a first-of-its-kind vetting initiative that aims to minimize exploitation and fosters long-term, mutually beneficial energy development partnerships

PROJECT FINANCE & STRUCTURING

Our team of seasoned energy finance professionals and attorneys provides **investment-grade financial modeling, legal structuring, and capital strategy** through our **Weaver Platform**. This pro bono resource includes:

- The **Weaver Model** and **Weaver Lite** for detailed or high-level project forecasts
- An open-source **Template Document Library** with legal agreements developed by top Tribal energy attorneys
- Strategic support for Renewable Energy Credit (REC) and Carbon Reduction Unit (CRU) marketing
- ITC monetization, structuring, and investor matchmaking

GRANTS & FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

Our expert Tribal Grants Team provides hands-on support to help Tribes secure federal, state, and philanthropic funding for clean energy projects. We:

- Prepare competitive, culturally aligned grant proposals
- Assist with budget development, application submissions, and compliance tracking
- Leverage our experience to help Tribes successfully secure millions in project funding

ENERGY POLICY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

We are **fierce advocates** for upholding the rights of Tribes as sovereign nations to pursue clean energy for their people. Our Policy & Government Relations team works tirelessly and without fear to defend Tribal sovereignty, advance equitable energy policy, and remove barriers to Tribal clean energy development. Through our policy pillar we:

- Engage in **on-the-ground advocacy in Washington, D.C.**, ensuring Tribal voices are heard in energy and climate policy decisions
- Work directly with **FERC and national transmission grid operators** to secure equitable grid access, fair interconnection processes, and just fee structures for Tribes
- Develop **custom toolkits and resources** to help Tribes engage directly with federal agencies and Congress
- Support Tribes in holding the federal government accountable to its **trust and treaty responsibilities**
- Act as a trusted conduit for timely, relevant policy intelligence between Tribal leadership and decision-makers
- Coordinate closely with our Technical Assistance and Project Finance teams to ensure policy advocacy directly supports Tribal project success



EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We design and deliver Native-led clean energy education and training programs in partnership with Tribal Colleges, major universities, and leading NGOs. Programs include:

- Workforce development and training initiatives ensuring Tribal members have professional training and access to jobs building clean energy in their own communities
- First-of-its-kind **Tribal Energy Leaders Fellowship** certificate program at Arizona State University
- Partnerships with MIT and Harvard University to merge advanced clean energy research with Indigenous wisdom, developing innovative solutions that strengthen Tribal energy sovereignty and deliver benefits for society as a whole.