

Advancing a Just Clean Energy Ecosystem

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Link to your three-minute, online video pitch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nO8EgyE2IB0>

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Short Description:

GRID Alternatives is the nation's largest nonprofit installer of clean energy technologies, building community-powered solutions to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy. GRID's Energy Resilience Fund is focused on equity-centered clean energy projects traditionally sidelined by conventional financing.

With unprecedented climate investments being made in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act and in states across the nation, we are raising grants and lower-cost debt from philanthropy and providing low-cost loans that bridge incentives for Tribes and rural landowners developing projects and enable community-based partners to pursue direct ownership or a long-term share in project revenues.

The Energy Resilience Fund continues to build partnerships with several Community Development Financial Institutions to better serve rural and low-income communities around the country. Through these partnerships, our ultimate objective is to empower rural community lenders with the necessary resources and capacity to effectively deliver clean energy financing solutions in rural communities nationwide.

By providing impact capital that unlocks incentive funding and market capital for clean energy projects, households can save on utility bills, building owners can invest in infrastructure updates, reduce indoor air pollution, and communities can build wealth. All of which can help rural communities respond and adapt to climate change.