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OUR POWER!
THE UTILITY JUSTICE
CAMPAIGN



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Problem



Indigenous, Black, queer, and disability communities have historically been excluded in receiving support to develop clean energy projects on rural/remote lands.

The proposed project is on Shelterwood's 900-acre campus. Because our site is located at the end of the distribution grid, our power goes out weeks on end and several times a year.

Due to our remote location this can mean life or death, especially in the case of a wildfire.

Solution



This Prize will play a critical role in enabling our ability to complete our energy resilience project on-time and in ways that benefit other remote communities like ours.

By the completion of the Prize, our goal is to create a community engagement template for any communities in the remote, rugged, and fire prone terrain to begin considering a community-driven microgrid project, increasing the access to federal, state, or local government or private funding for rural or remote communities especially those who have been historically excluded.

Activities and Milestones



- July – Sept 2023: Site Assessment & Create an site/energy assessment template
- July – Feb 2024: Completion of Initial Conversations and Community Engagement
- Sept – Mar 2024: System Cost Analysis to help us narrow down on the cost analysis of our vision compared to grid-tied systems with critical load capabilities.
- Mar – Jul 2024: Energy Project Development Planning
 - Integrate the energy project plan with the construction plan for the Community & Retreat Center.
- Late 2024: We hope to identify the stages of energy project development as we begin planning for the construction of the Community & Retreat Center.