

# RETI Local Power: Clean Energy Leadership Training

Organization: Resilience Education Training and Innovation Center | Location: New York, NY



## Organization Overview

RETI Center Local Power develops community solar projects in New York City that increase energy access for low-to-moderate-income (LMI) households, incorporate community ownership and governance structures, expand carbon-free energy development, and create and support quality green jobs for historically marginalized populations. RETI operates a workforce training program focused on rooftop solar installation and is mobilizing training program graduates to install solar assets across the city and co-create a plan for reinvesting energy revenue back into environmental justice communities.

## Prize Plan Overview

RETI envisions a future where our workforce training graduates take leadership positions within the organization and in other organizations working toward climate justice solutions. To achieve this vision, we will use the Clean Energy Innovation Prize to develop and implement a Leadership and Governance training module that will empower 15 of our alumni to influence decision-making processes at RETI and beyond. Additionally, we will engage these alumni in co-designing a permanent Local Power Advisory Board that will guide how RETI solar revenue is invested.



## Prize Goals

**Workforce Development.** RETI will build on existing workforce training efforts in solar installation, equipping participants with the planning, collaboration, communication, and budgeting skills to serve as community leaders and bring their voices to the decisions driving the energy transition. Alumni will be prepared to take on professional opportunities such as serving on nonprofit Boards or founding green social impact ventures.

**Clean Energy Technology.** Trainees will apply these skills to identify bottom-up solutions to climate challenges in their communities, determining how future Prize funds should be leveraged to advance clean energy innovation.