

# Meeting Tribal Energy Innovations Through Community Empowerment



## Project Partners:



MONTANA RENEWABLE  
ENERGY ASSOCIATION



Smart Electric  
Power Alliance

**Team: Salish and Kootenai Community Energy Alliance**

**Lead: Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA)**

**Nolan Michel** is an enrolled Member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and has been a part of their Housing Authority for 14 years focusing on strategic planning.

**Jessica Carmona** is a senior member of the Renewables Team at BEF. She brings expertise in partnership development, technical assistance and project implementation.

**Erin Farris-Olsen** is a consultant whose expertise lies in community engagement and outreach.

*Together the team possesses more than 40 years of experience in energy and natural resource policy, program management, and community engagement.*

## The Community: The Flathead Reservation in Western Montana

This project will focus on the community of more than 4,800 enrolled members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes who reside on the Flathead Reservation.

Tribal members of the CSKT face challenges in accessing affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy sources ranging from high energy costs to limited infrastructure, health and environmental concerns. By conducting community-wide surveys and consultation with tribal members, we can gain valuable information into their communities' unique energy needs and concerns, which will lead to development of tailored solutions.