

# Tribal Connections: Advancing Workforce, Renewable Energy, and Independence Solutions



## Project Partners:



## Team: Salish and Kootenai Community Energy Alliance

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

### Phase 1 Community Engagement on the Flathead Reservation in Western Montana

The Alliance received 410 survey responses (10% of the community members that were engaged) and hosted 143 resident attendees at a Solve IT Solutions workshop and informative energy panel in conjunction with the Tribal Regional Climate Symposium, November 21-22, 2024.

### Community Priorities:

1. Connect Community Members to Energy Saving Solutions- from Energy Conservation to Solar Generation.
2. Solar energy generation that offsets local energy costs and builds energy independence community wide.

### Solve IT Solution

1. Community Energy Navigator Program. Develop a navigator workforce to complete energy audits and deliver information to residents on weatherization, heat pumps, rebates, and residential solar.
2. Increase energy independence and off set energy costs for SKHA residents through a solar and battery project at the Transitional Living Center in Pablo, Montana.

**Goal Tracking:** Trained Energy Navigators, Completed Residential Energy Audits, Residential Energy Saving Resources Pursued, Residential, Commercial, and Government Solar Projects Planned and/or Completed (aka Solar for All Project Pipeline).

