



People. Planet. Employment.

Our Mission

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization that makes renewable energy technology and job training accessible to underserved communities. We bring together community partners, volunteers and job trainees to implement solar power and energy efficiency for low-income families, providing energy cost savings, valuable hands-on experience, and a source of clean, local energy that benefits us all.

Who We Serve

GRID Alternatives' vision is a transition to clean, renewable energy that includes everyone. Low-income communities bear a disproportionate burden of environmental degradation and pay the highest percentage of their income on energy bills, yet have the least access to technologies like solar that produce clean power and reduce monthly costs.

GRID Alternatives' Solar Affordable Housing Program provides low-income families a long-term solution to high energy bills and source of clean, local power, while giving local workers experience that translates into jobs.



Volunteers install solar on 3 Sandy-affected homes in NY



Former U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy visited a GRID Alternatives installation in Long Beach, CA to learn about our work and hear from job trainees about their solar futures.

We partner with affordable housing organizations, job training groups, government agencies, municipalities and local communities.

Where We Work

GRID Alternatives was started in California in 2004, and manages the state's Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes program on behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission. We began a national expansion in 2012, and have grown beyond California to serve Colorado, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. GRID Alternatives has also partnered with over 40 Native American Tribes, and GRID Alternatives' International Program provides off-grid solar to communities in rural Nicaragua and Nepal.

Impacts

33MW

Clean, renewable power installed.

\$327 million

Lifetime savings for low-income families we serve.

33,000

Participants trained in solar.

844,000 tons

Greenhouse gas emissions prevented over the systems' lifetimes.

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College Programs

GRID Alternatives' college programs give the "power shift" generation a chance to get hands-on with solar power, while helping ensure that all our communities can participate in and benefit from the transition to clean energy.

Solar Spring Break

Solar Spring Break is an immersive service-learning experience where students spend a week with a GRID Alternatives office installing solar for low-income families and exploring the intersection of renewable energy technology and community development. Each project hosts up to 12 participants in the winter, spring, or early summer traveling to one of our regional offices across the US or even internationally. To learn more, send an email to solarspringbreak@gridalternatives.org.



GRID Alternatives Collegiate Network

Are you a college or university faculty member or administrator? Join our Collegiate Network and join our growing higher-ed community so you can stay up to date on job opportunities for your students, Solar Spring Break timelines, and our ongoing programmatic and policy work. You will receive our quarterly collegiate newsletter and have the opportunity to join our collegiate Google Group to connect with our other partner schools.

SolarCorps National Service Program

Spend a year of full-time service after graduation helping us provide solar power to the communities that need it the most, while building knowledge and skills that will help you launch a career in the clean energy economy. An AmeriCorps-style national service initiative, SolarCorp fellowships are available in areas such as construction, community outreach, and volunteer engagement, and come with stipends, health care, and an end-of-service financial award. Visit www.gridalternatives.org/jobs for openings.



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