

# ***Community-Driven Microgrid Development In Indigenous, Black, And Queer-Led Community Forest***

**Team Name:**

Indigenous, Black, And Queer-Led Community Forest

**Short Description:**

With the mission to create a just and inclusive transition to renewable energy by enabling everyone to own and shape our energy future, People Power Solar Cooperative is working with Shelterwood Collective and Reclaim Our Power to build the knowledge sharing and capacity building for rural communities to plan, implement, and maintain clean energy projects.

Our strategy is to start this work in the communities that have historically been most excluded from these opportunities. By the completion of the Prize, our goal is to create an energy development plan for Shelterwood accompanied by a set of community engagement templates for any communities in the remote, rugged, and fire prone terrain to begin considering a community-driven microgrid project.

The proposed project is on Shelterwood's 900-acre campus guided by core design principles of resilience, accessibility, conservation, and habitat health, the campus vision includes a range of spaces and amenities for gathering, artistic creation, rejuvenation and celebration. Because our site is located at the end of the distribution grid, our power goes out weeks on end and several times a year. 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.

**3-Min Video Pitch:** [https://youtu.be/ql5EGc\\_vOZs](https://youtu.be/ql5EGc_vOZs)

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