Tribal Energy Upgrade San Diego

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SAN DIEGO
REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK

The San Diego Regional Energy Network (SDREN) makes it simpler for everyone in San Diego County to save energy and realize the benefits of a clean energy economy.

Led by San Diego Community Power in partnership with the County of San Diego, SDREN offers 10 energy efficiency programs that shape how people access clean energy solutions, while ensuring benefits reach every corner of the region.

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Overview and Goals

Tribal Energy Upgrade creates a pathway for Tribal governments in San Diego County to develop, propose, and implement eligible energy initiatives tailored to their unique needs.

Climate Resilience

Help Tribal communities address and adapt to climate change by reducing GHG emissions and increasing energy resilience.

Energy Capacity

Increase energy capacity, awareness and expertise within Tribal governments and their communities.

Culturally Competent Solutions

Emphasize customized solutions that leverage existing resources, foster regional collaboration and deliver comprehensive outcomes.

Equity in Clean Energy

Ensure Tribal communities are not left behind in the clean energy transition.

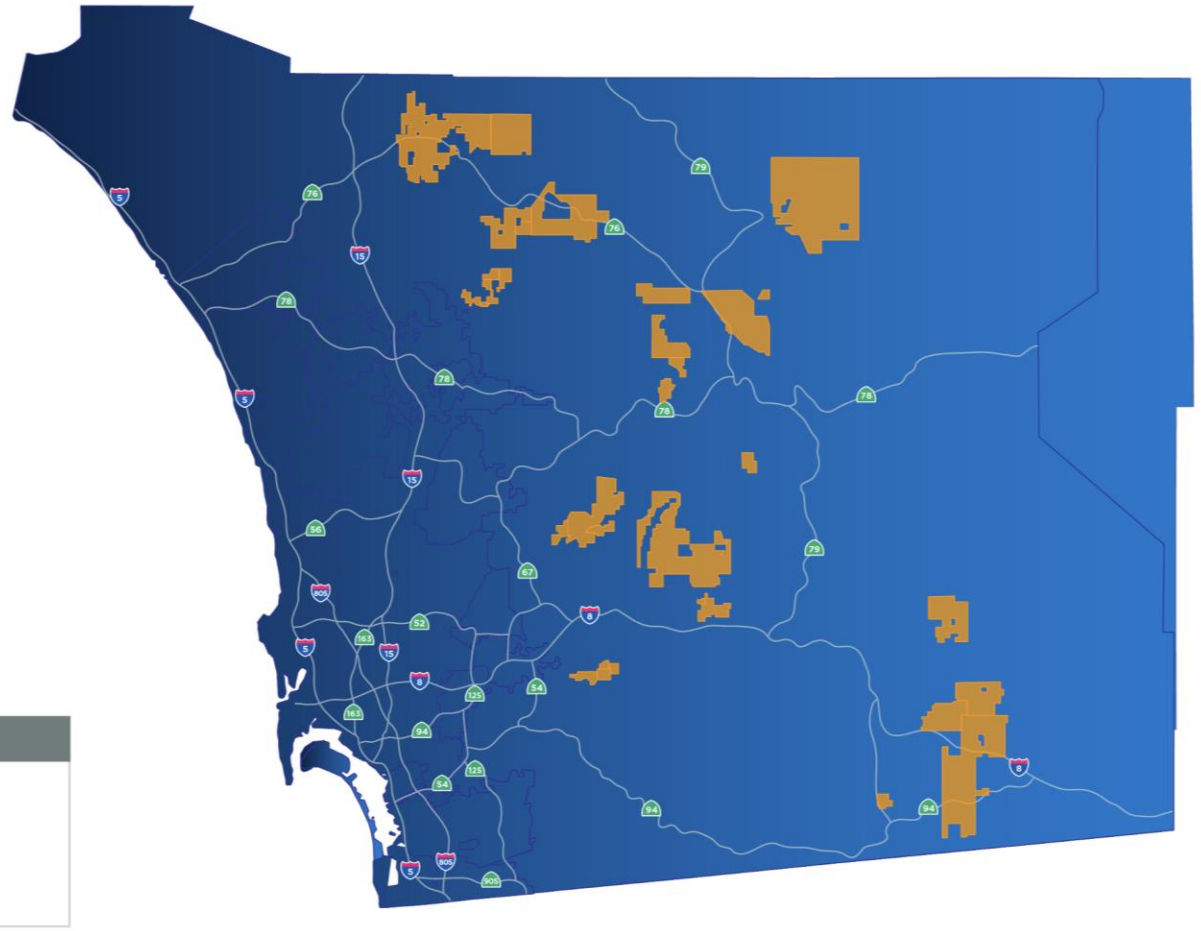
What You Get

- Resources include no-cost technical assistance, a dedicated technical advisor and stipends to support each Tribe from idea to implementation.
- Through a collaborative process with ongoing technical assistance, Tribes can identify their own energy initiatives that contribute to their:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Energy resilience
  - Energy sovereignty
  - Decarbonization efforts
- Participation stipends of **up to $10,800** are available per eligible Tribe for completing milestones

Tribal Sovereign Nations in San Diego County

Eligible Tribes

- Barona Band of Mission Indians
- Campo Band of Mission Indians
- Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
- Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
- Inaja Cosmit Band of Indians
- Jamul Indian Village
- La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
- La Posta Band of Diegueño Mission Indians
- Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeño Indians
- Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation
- Mesa Grande Band of Diegueño Mission Indians
- Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians
- Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians
- San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
- Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians



Opportunities and Benefits

- Energy upgrades to
  - Tribal government facilities
  - Small-to-medium commercial buildings
  - Residential housing
  - Educational facilities
- Workforce education & training for adults and high school students

Opportunities and Benefits

Energy-saving upgrades such as:

- **Efficient appliances and equipment**, such as clothes washers and dryers, heat pump dryers, room air conditioners, room air cleaners, vending machine controls and efficient cooking equipment
- **Water-saving devices**, such as low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and shower water-saving valves
- **Water heating upgrades**, such as heat pump water heaters, electric tankless water heaters, solar thermal water heating, hot water pipe insulation and water heater pipe wrap
- **Commercial refrigeration upgrades**, such as efficient reach-in refrigerators/freezers and refrigerated display cases
- **Building envelope and weatherization improvements**, such as attic/ceiling insulation, wall insulation, duct-related improvements, door sweeps and door sealing
- **Heating, cooling and ventilation upgrades**, such as duct sealing, smart thermostats, HVAC occupancy sensors, fan controls, economizer controls/repairs, high-efficiency heat pumps, ductless systems and related HVAC improvements
- **Outdoor lighting upgrades**, such as eligible LED wall, pole and outdoor fixture retrofits
- **Gas-to-electric upgrades**, such as heat pump water heaters, heat pump clothes dryers, efficient electric cooking equipment and heat pump heating/cooling systems

Opportunities and Benefits

Services

- Technical assistance to help Tribes develop ideas, draft applications and implement shovel-ready energy efficiency projects
- Access to energy experts such as engineering firms, financial advisors, local agencies, and relevant stakeholders to leverage expertise and resources
- Connections to funding for energy efficiency, decarbonization and energy resilience projects

Benefits

- Increase access to energy efficiency resources through tailored programming
- Strengthen energy sovereignty and decarbonization efforts
- Enhance resilience to climate challenges and emergencies
- Capacity building within Tribal governments

What to Expect

Program Steps

1. Program Application/ Enrollment
2. Tribal Energy Needs Assessment + Optional Site Visit and Energy Efficiency Audit
3. Draft and Finalize Proposal
4. Implementation

Program Support

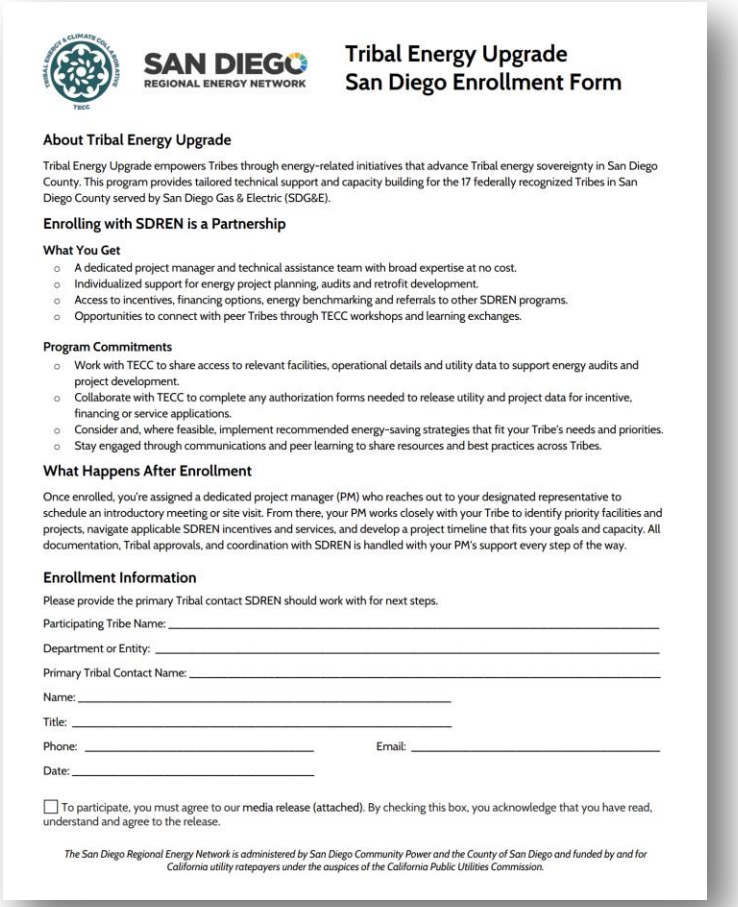
1. Engage Tribes
1. Eligibility Verification
2. Gather Info and Conduct Needs Assessment
2. Analyze Options & Cost-Benefit
3. Draft Proposal for Review
3. Incorporate Feedback and Finalize Proposal
4. Ongoing Implementation Support

Get Started with Tribal Energy Upgrade San Diego

Enroll Today!

Enrollment Form:
(print and online available)
bit.ly/EnrollTEUSD

- Visit **Ron** and **Sarina G.** at the SDREN/SoCalREN Roundtable (#2) to:
  - Learn more about Tribal Energy Upgrade
  - Review the program commitments & fill out the **enrollment form** found in your folder
  - Start identifying priority facilities and measures



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Tribal Energy Upgrade San Diego Enrollment Form

About Tribal Energy Upgrade

Tribal Energy Upgrade empowers Tribes through energy-related initiatives that advance Tribal energy sovereignty in San Diego County. This program provides tailored technical support and capacity building for the 17 federally recognized Tribes in San Diego County served by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E).

Enrolling with SDREN is a Partnership

What You Get

- A dedicated project manager and technical assistance team with broad expertise at no cost.
- Individualized support for energy project planning, audits and retrofit development.
- Access to incentives, financing options, energy benchmarking and referrals to other SDREN programs.
- Opportunities to connect with peer Tribes through TECC workshops and learning exchanges.

Program Commitments

- Work with TECC to share access to relevant facilities, operational details and utility data to support energy audits and project development.
- Collaborate with TECC to complete any authorization forms needed to release utility and project data for incentive, financing or service applications.
- Consider and, where feasible, implement recommended energy-saving strategies that fit your Tribe's needs and priorities.
- Stay engaged through communications and peer learning to share resources and best practices across Tribes.

What Happens After Enrollment

Once enrolled, you're assigned a dedicated project manager (PM) who reaches out to your designated representative to schedule an introductory meeting or site visit. From there, your PM works closely with your Tribe to identify priority facilities and projects, navigate applicable SDREN incentives and services, and develop a project timeline that fits your goals and capacity. All documentation, Tribal approvals, and coordination with SDREN is handled with your PM's support every step of the way.

Enrollment Information

Please provide the primary Tribal contact SDREN should work with for next steps.

Participating Tribe Name: _____

Department or Entity: _____

Primary Tribal Contact Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

☐ To participate, you must agree to our media release (attached). By checking this box, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the release.

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Thank You

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