



People. Planet. Employment.

Our Mission

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization that makes renewable energy technology and 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



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 \$162 million Single Family Affordable Homes program on behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission. We began a national expansion in 2012, and have grown to serve five states, including California, Colorado, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. In fall 2014, we will expand to serve the Mid-Atlantic region with an office in the District of Columbia. GRID Alternatives' International Program also provides off-grid solar to communities in rural Nicaragua.

Impacts

18MW

Clean, renewable power installed.

\$138 million

Lifetime savings for nearly 4400 low-income families.

21,000

Volunteers trained in solar.

430,000 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.

Alternative Breaks Program: Solar Spring Break

Come soak up some rays on your spring break while learning to install solar and helping families in need. GRID Alternatives offices in California, New York, and Nicaragua will be hosting teams of 10-12 students this winter and spring, providing training, workshops, tours, speakers and housing. Teams provide \$5000 of fundraising to cover domestic program costs, and \$25,000 for international trips. Solar Spring Break is a partnership with World Wildlife Fund.



GRID Alternatives Campus Chapter Program

Excited about GRID and looking for a way to stay involved? Through GRID Alternatives Campus Chapter program, students can form a club to raise funds for and participate in future solar projects. GRID Alternatives will provide your group with the materials you need to get started, and work with you to schedule volunteer opportunities.

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.

