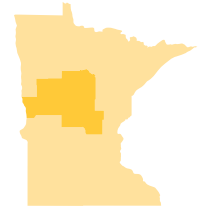


## CENTRAL REGION



### **Akiing 8th Fire: 8th Fire Crew Trains and Installs at Lower Sioux Indian Housing Authority**

Callaway, MN — A crew from Akiing 8th Fire will travel to Lower Sioux to train people and install solar thermal panels for local housing. This will provide new skills within the solar field and work opportunities for White Earth Tribal members. This represents an opportunity for partnership between two tribal nations on a project that reflects Indigenous worldviews of harmony with the environment. (\$5,000 Commerce)

### **Community Grassroots Solutions: Clean Energy Careers for St. Cloud's Somali Community**

St. Cloud, MN — Community Grassroots Solutions (CGS) will conduct conversations with Somali youth in the St. Cloud area to identify opportunities and barriers related to clean energy careers. Based on conversations, CGS will develop culturally appropriate career outreach materials and connect community members to clean energy career mentors. (\$4,000 Commerce)

### **Creator's Place: Energy Efficiency for Creator's Place Bam'idizowigamig\***

Pine Point, MN — The project will ensure a more energy efficient building for on-the-job education and training, a community kitchen, technical support and training for entrepreneurs, and a place where people released from incarceration can find support. \*Bam'idizowigamig is the Ojibwemowin word for "A Place to Support Oneself." (\$5,000 Commerce)

### **Hempax: Solar Microgrid Test Site**

Ponsford, MN — This project is the deployment of a 600 watt solar and storage test setup to demonstrate the use of hemp-based batteries for local energy resiliency, renewables adoption, and agricultural development. The hemp used in the batteries is grown on White Earth and will return back to the reservation for this clean energy project. (\$5,000 Morgan)

### **Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe: Electric Vehicle Transition Project**

Cass Lake, MN — In order to increase EV usage on the Leech Lake Reservation, this project will complement the partially funded MNDOT Clean Transportation Project — installing fourteen level two and two DC fast EV chargers on a tribal corridor network. This project will put Leech Lake at the forefront of the transportation electrification revolution. (\$3,000 Commerce)

## **Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Department of Natural Resources: Electric Vehicle Charging Station**

Onamia, MN — Utilizing the 220 VAC Service at the Band's DNR Garage, this project will either upgrade from 30A to 50A service, or will work with the 30A service, and install two EV charging stations to provide more publicly available charging options. (\$5,000 Commerce)

## **Ogema Organics: Climate Smart Technologies for a Prepared Future on White Earth**

Callaway, MN — Ogema Organics will use climate smart technologies, partner with local Native businesses, nonprofits, and industry partners to create an integrated food network on the White Earth Reservation. This will better prepare residents to adapt to climate change impacts by having access to local, fresh food, year-round. (\$5,000 Morgan)

## **St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Catholic School: Double Door Vestibule**

Long Prairie, MN — The non-thermal glass, single-door entrance on the north side of the school's 1906 building is a significant source of cold air coming into the school as students arrive and leave the building. The Building Committee developed plans to remodel this entrance, making it into a double door vestibule, reducing the cold air flow into the building and thereby reducing energy use. (\$3,000 Commerce)

## **Unidos MN Education Fund: Energy Justice Pueblitos**

St. Cloud, MN — Unidos MN will conduct a series of train-the-trainer educational workshops on energy efficiency and electric bills with support from Minnesota's Citizen Utility Board. Unidos MN plans to establish a cohort of community experts who will engage with Latinx community members on energy efficiency resources and tools, as well as provide bill consultation. (\$5,000 Commerce)