

NCN Clean Energy Finance Certificate Program 2025 Training Schedule

Empower Your Community with Clean Energy Finance!

At NCN, we are dedicated to supporting Native people and communities in thriving within the Clean Energy sector. We are pleased to launch our Clean Energy Finance Certificate Program - an expansion of the NCN Leadership Institute. NCN's certificate program will position Native CDFIs as the go-to lenders in clean energy financing across the country and in Indian country. This robust program will build knowledge and credibility within the industry as lenders navigate this exciting expansion of their portfolios.

The program features 9 interactive, virtual sessions as well as additional supplemental sessions designed to help lenders build their clean energy lending programs and enhance their knowledge of best practices for managing such programs. To earn the Certificate, you must attend at least 7 of the 9 webinars. We highly encourage you to attend all webinars, but we acknowledge the existing levels of expertise and how valuable your time is.

We invite you to register now for the 2025 NCN Clean Energy Finance Institute Certificate program. Each interactive webinar will take place via Zoom from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. You will need to register for each session individually using the links below and on our events page. Reserve your spot before registration closed on February 4th.

Join us in shaping a cleaner, brighter future. Register today to save your spot in these FREE webinars!

February 6 [Session 1: Exploring Clean Energy Opportunities for Your Community](#)

Instructor: *GRID Alternatives*

Kick off the journey by learning how clean energy finance aligns with your community's energy goals. This session will focus on using CCIA resources to evaluate clean energy project feasibility and alignment with CCIA funding, with practical insights into funding opportunities, community needs, and the potential for lasting economic and environmental benefits.

February 20 [Session 2: Understanding Your Market: Marketing Clean Energy Finance Solutions to Native Communities](#)

Instructors: *Brian Edwards, Tribal Business News & Pamela Boivin, NCN CCIA Program Manager*

Explore how effective marketing and communication strategies can help identify local community demand for clean energy finance. This session will guide you in conducting market research to understand the needs of your community while crafting compelling messages that highlight the benefits of clean energy financing. Learn how to promote your products and services to build awareness, drive interest, and foster adoption in Native economies.

March 6 **[Session 3: Empowering Consumers with Clean Energy Loan Products](#)**

Instructor: TBA

Discover how consumer lending can drive household savings while promoting clean energy adoption. This session will focus on designing loan products for energy-efficient appliances, rooftop solar installations, and other clean energy upgrades. Learn how to design accessible financial solutions that reduce energy costs, enhance home value, and support long-term sustainability for Native communities.

March 20 **[Session 4: Financing Larger Community-Level Projects: Collaboration and Loan Participation](#)**

Instructor: TBA

Scaling up to finance larger projects requires strong partnerships. This session will teach you how to initiate and nurture collaborative lending relationships and structure loan participation to support community-scale clean energy initiatives.

April 3 **[Session 5: Updating Loan Policies for Clean Energy Success](#)**

Instructor: TBA

Adapting your loan policies is key to integrating clean energy finance. Explore policy enhancements that facilitate clean energy lending while managing risk effectively.

April 17 **[Session 6: Mastering Underwriting for Clean Energy Loans](#)**

Instructor: TBA

Understand the nuances of underwriting clean energy projects. Gain confidence in underwriting clean energy projects. Learn how to assess creditworthiness, incorporate capital provider requirements, and develop products tailored to your borrowers' needs.

May 1 [Session 7: Managing Risk and Strengthening Your Loan Portfolio](#)

Instructor: TBA

Strengthen your portfolio by managing risks associated with clean energy lending. This session offers strategies for creating financial products that balance market demands with portfolio health.

May 15 [Session 8: Structuring Capital: Debt, Equity, and Creative Financing](#)

Instructor: TBA

Explore innovative ways to structure financing for clean energy projects. Understand how to blend debt and equity to meet borrower needs and maximize financial returns.

May 29 [Session 9: Launching and Sustaining Your Clean Energy Loan Fund](#)

Instructor: TBA

Bring it all together in this capstone session. Reflect on key takeaways and develop a sustainable model for launching and maintaining a Clean Energy Loan Fund that drives enduring opportunities for clean energy development in Native communities.

Additional Resources

All participants will receive recordings, tools, and templates to support the implementation of their clean energy lending programs.

Register today to join a transformative journey into clean energy finance and empower your community for a brighter, sustainable future.