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# Technical Assistance for Resilient Communities



## Schatz Energy Research Center

at Cal Poly Humboldt



Action-oriented clean energy research, education, and deployment.

~30 research and professional staff working with faculty and students at Cal Poly Humboldt.

Partnerships with communities in the North Coast region and beyond.

Expertise across a range of energy and climate infrastructure: microgrids, off-grid solar, electric transport, bioenergy, offshore wind, air quality, etc.

#### Highlight area: Microgrids for community resilience

- In response to critical needs for community resilience to wildfires and other threats to energy security
- **Partnered with Blue Lake Rancheria** to develop and implement path-breaking microgrid architectures
- Lead organization for Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid, now the template for community microgrids in Northern CA



## Technical Assistance for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Systems



**Old way:** Large, centralized infrastructures. Centrally planned without significant community engagement until it is time to clean up the mess.

**New way?** Decentralized energy systems that are deployed in partnership with communities to meet authentic needs.

### **Technical Assistance Hubs**

could bridge the trust, expertise, capacity, and access gap.

**Energy Tech Hub** for Tribal, rural, disadvantaged, and hard-to-reach communities could support:

**Policy Connections:** Conduit for input into policymaking and program design to ensure match with scale of needs.

**Tech. Assistance:** Feasibility assessment, connecting with trusted partners, and leveraging available funding.

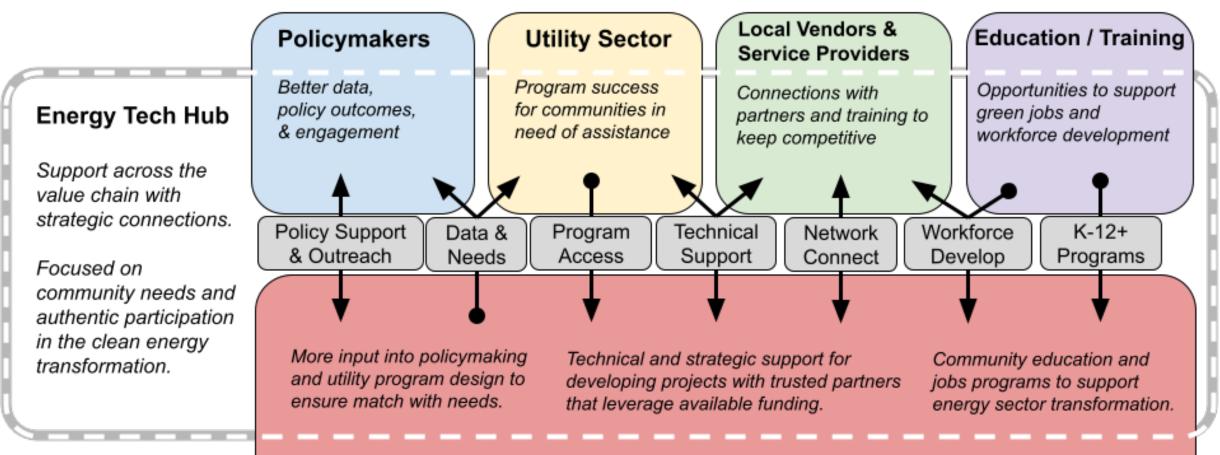
Just Transitions: Education and jobs programs to support just energy sector transformations.



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