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Kyle has undergraduate background in Geography, Environmental and Sustainability Studies from the University of the Western Cape. He is currently enrolled as a Masters student in Sustainable Development at the Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch University. He has previous work experience as a Renewable Energy Assistant in the Energy and Climate Change Unit at the City of Cape Town as part of the Urban Sustainability Internship Programme.

**Research Topic:**

***How REIPPPP community development funds can be used to address developmental challenges faced in beneficiary communities***

Kyle's research is exploring innovative ways in which REIPPPP community development funds can be used to address developmental challenges faced in beneficiary communities. More specifically how socio-economic development and enterprise development funds can be used to set up social enterprises that deliver energy services to reduce and alleviate energy poverty.