SUMA BOJEDLA

Suma Bojedla is a seasoned finance and product leader with over a decade of experience spanning philanthropy, renewable energy, and financial technology. She brings a unique perspective at the intersection of finance, technology, and energy infrastructure, with a proven record of guiding organizations through product launches, complex transactions, and market expansion.

Currently, Suma serves as Senior Product Manager of Financial Products at Shadow Power, a clean energy startup developing innovative solutions for customers, utilities and installers of solar systems. As the first non-founder hire, she established the company's pricing and financial modeling strategy, led vendor and technology assessments, and directed market positioning across U.S. geographies. She is now leading the company's product launch and implementation, balancing regulatory requirements, investor expectations, and customer adoption.

Previously, she spent four years at Swell Energy, another renewable energy finance startup, where she held roles across project finance and product management. She and her team successfully closed two transactions for project financing of solar assets, managed investor relations, and developed portfolio models. Transitioning into product, she guided the integration of financial lease structures into operations and oversaw implementation critical to product launch.

Earlier in her career, Suma spent five years at the Ford Foundation, where she held a financial analyst role in the Procurement and Financial departments. There, she developed rigorous financial oversight processes, managed multi-million-dollar budgets, and partnered with senior leaders to ensure strategic alignment of resources with mission priorities. This experience provided her with a strong foundation in financial governance, risk management, and institutional accountability.

Suma Bojedla holds a B.A. from Rutgers University (2013) and an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management (2020), where she focused on finance and strategy. This is her first year as a Board Member for Options For Youth-Victor Valley.