

The team's project for the Buildings Up grant prize is to upgrade the energy efficiency of the Tebughna Foundation's buildings in Tyonek and Anchorage. The Tribal Center and Guest House in Tyonek need significant upgrades, while the Kaloa Building in Anchorage would benefit from energy-saving improvements. Through the upgrade of the Kaloa Building the Tebughna Foundation will also be able to further develop its Tradeworks program and work with local organizations to help provide support for Alaska's at-risk Youth.

The team's upgrade project uses traditional principles of land stewardship for Alaska Native communities to create and identify technical assistance resources for renewable energy technologies.

The Tebughna Foundation team is excited to be awarded the Buildings Up grant prize and looks forward to making their buildings more energy efficient and sustainable.

Here are some additional details about the Tebughna Foundation team and their project:

- Vide Kroto is the Executive Director of the Tebughna Foundation.
- Chet King is the Housing Project Manager of the Tebughna Foundation.
- Jaci Mellott is a Grant Writer.
- Marie Francis is the Solar Program Manager of the Tebughna Foundation.
- Shane Preuit is the Bookkeeper of the Tebughna Foundation.
- Janelle Baker is a lifelong Tyonek village resident and an elected Tyonek village council person.

The team is confident that their project will be a success and will help to make the Tyonek Tribe more energy independent and sustainable, while also providing services back to the Anchorage and Tyonek communities through continued development of their Tradeworks program for at-risk Youth in Alaska.