



# Solarize BRITE: Building Resilience in Alaska

Solarize BRITE increases access to affordable energy upgrades for low-income housing & nonprofits in Alaska on the frontline of climate change by providing free energy audits, technical assistance, and support in raising funds for building upgrades and retrofits.

Buildings UP funds will be used to expand the existing Solarize BRITE initiative, which started in Fairbanks in 2022 to facilitate nonprofits' access to affordable energy upgrades to prepare for extreme weather, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, invest energy savings back into services, and improve building health, safety, comfort, and resiliency.

Our Building Upgrade Zone is underserved commercial buildings and affordable housing. The geographic boundary for this building portfolio will start in 3 Justice 40 (J40) census tracts in Fairbanks, Alaska, as a pilot, and expand to multiple areas in Alaska, focusing on J40 areas within each of the state's Energy Regions as defined by the Alaska Energy Authority (these regions also directly overlap the Alaska Native Corporations).

**BRITE Team Members:** The Alaska Center, Alaska Center for Energy and Power, Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, Information Insights, North Star Community Foundation, University of Alaska-Bristol Bay Campus

**BRITE Partners:** Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Heat Smart, Arctic Solar Ventures, The Bread Line Inc, Cold Climate Housing Research Center Inc, City of Fairbanks, Denali Education Center, Fairbanks Carbon Reduction Fund, Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Golden Valley Electric Association, Interior Weatherization Inc, J.P. Jones Center, Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, North Star Council on Aging (Fairbanks Senior Center), Purple Raven LLC, Tanana Chiefs Conference



Helping Alaskans **adapt** to a changing climate