

Empowering Under-Represented Neighborhoods Through Civic Literacy

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Communities for Generations, Inc. empowers underrepresented communities through civic literacy and cultural restoration, amplifying impact by uniting mission-aligned organizations to drive lasting change.

Lived Experience Meets Strategic Vision

Education



Arden Santana, Co-Founder & Civic Literacy Advocate
Educator, curriculum designer, founder of SAGE Civic Institute

Technology



Belito Garcia, Co-Founder & Director of Technology and Operations
Systems thinker and community technologist with a focus on grassroots infrastructure

Wellness



Hafeeza Turé, Co-Founder & Director of Health and Wellness Initiatives
Trauma-informed practitioner and holistic health advocate focused on generational healing

Advisor

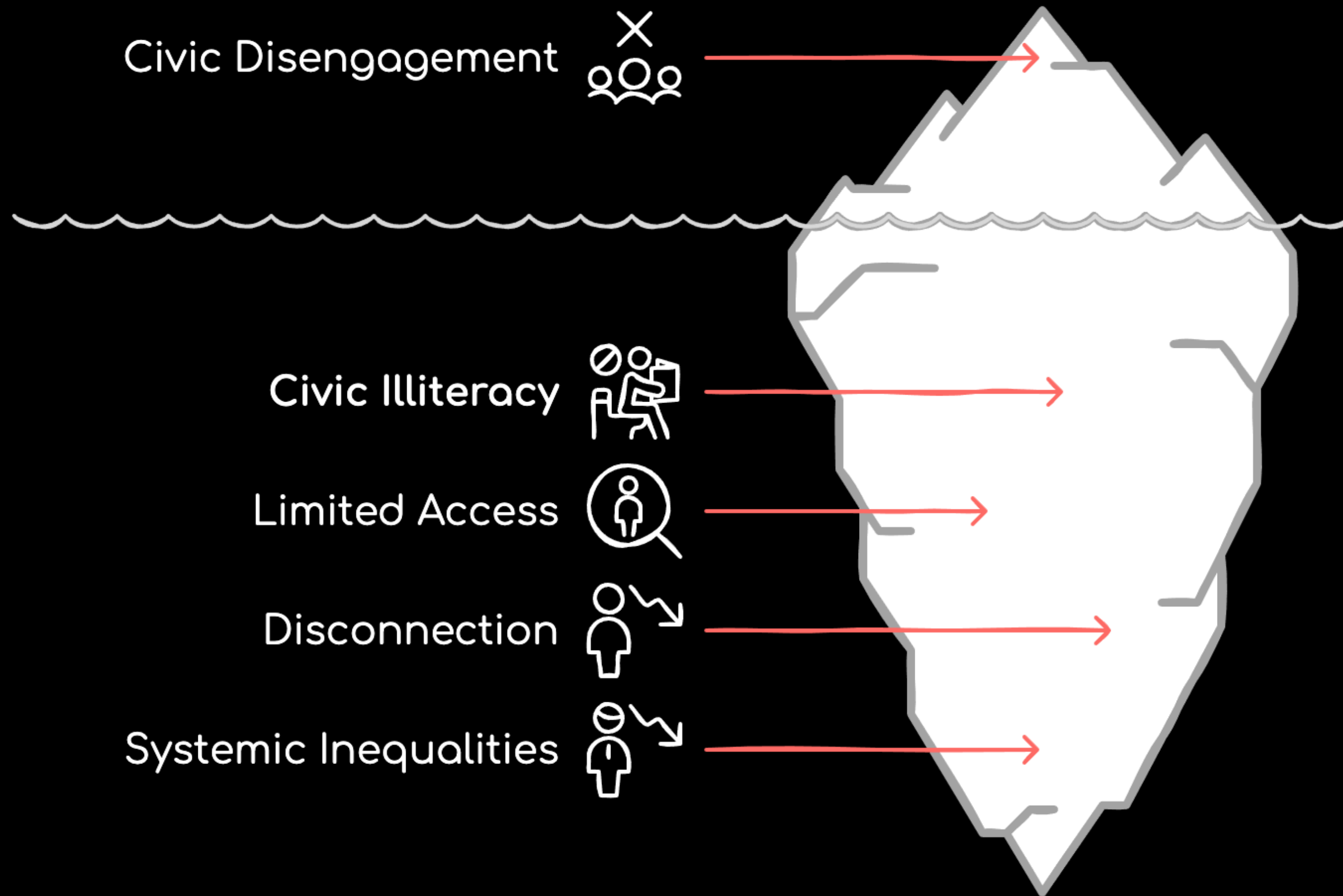


Mustafa Abdul-Salaam, Advisor
CED practitioner with decades of experience advancing community-based economic models

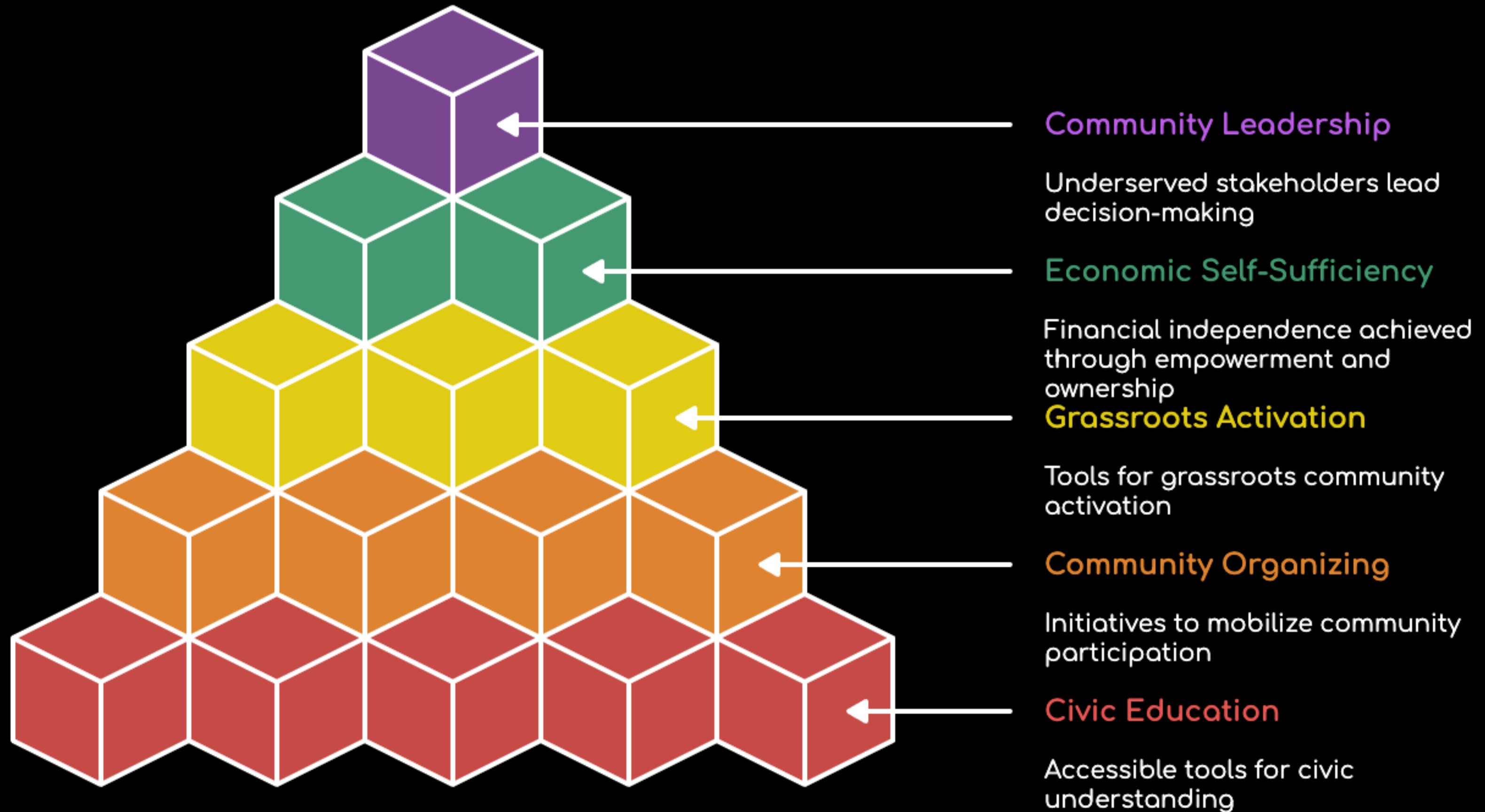
A Moment for Change



The Problem



A Broken Civic Infrastructure Requires Bottom-Up Repair



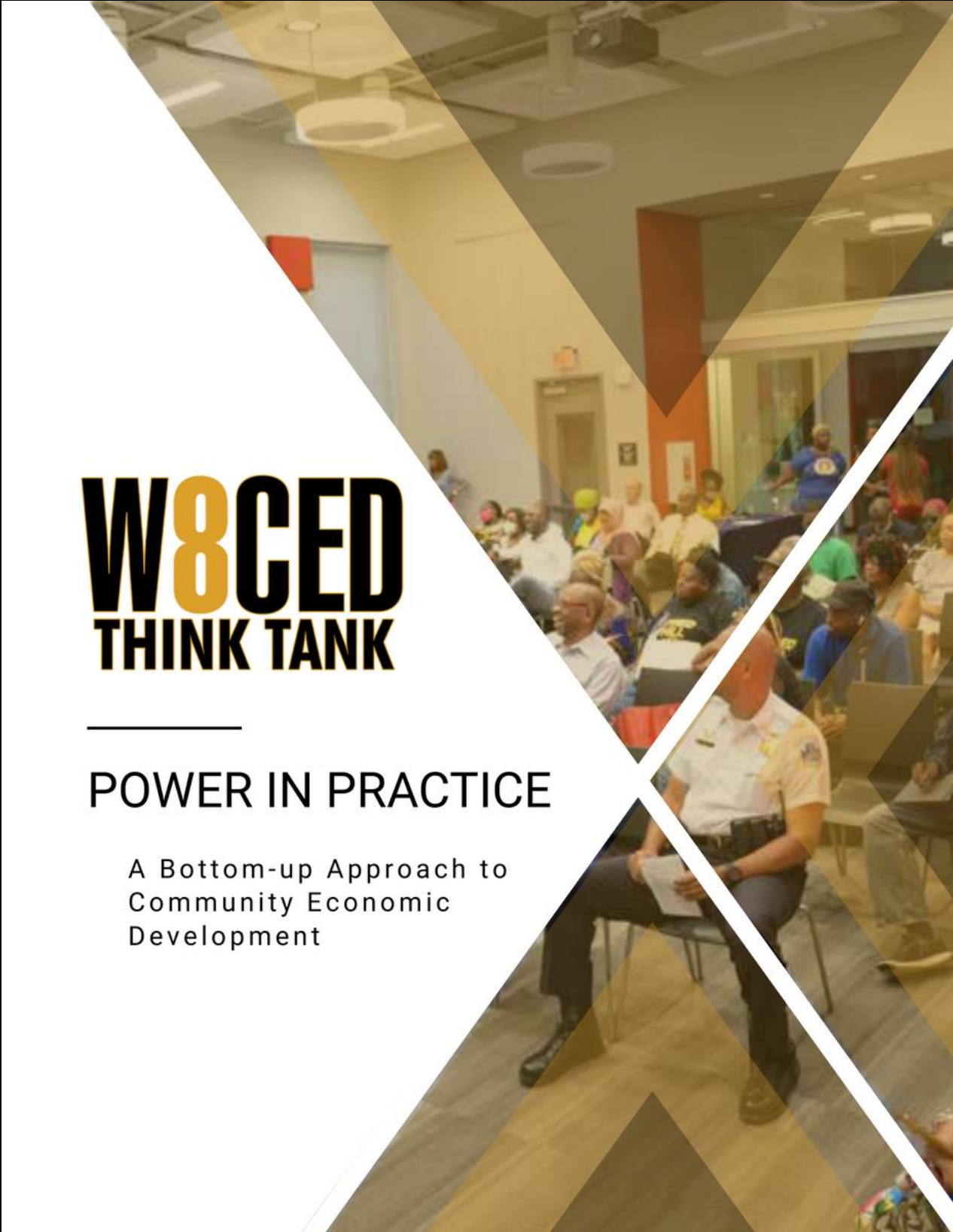
Proof It Works: Testimony

This Workshop gives me hope.

...gave me motivation; I'd never thought about going to local meetings.

I wanted to be truly active in my community— without being political— but didn't know how. Now I have a better understanding of civic engagement and how I, as a business owner, can engage in a way that's meaningful and true to who I am.

Proof It Works: Traction



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ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS ACROSS
2024 SUMMIT AND TWO
WORKSHOPS TO DATE

100%

FEEL MORE INFORMED AND
READY TO ACT

100%

NOTE EDUCATION AS A PRIORITY
AREA

200

PARTICIPANTS EXPECTED AT 2025
SUMMIT

Pilot neighborhoods: Dixwell and Newhallville

What Makes Us Different: Power From the People & Expectation of Collaboration

Our work is built
with- not for-
communities.

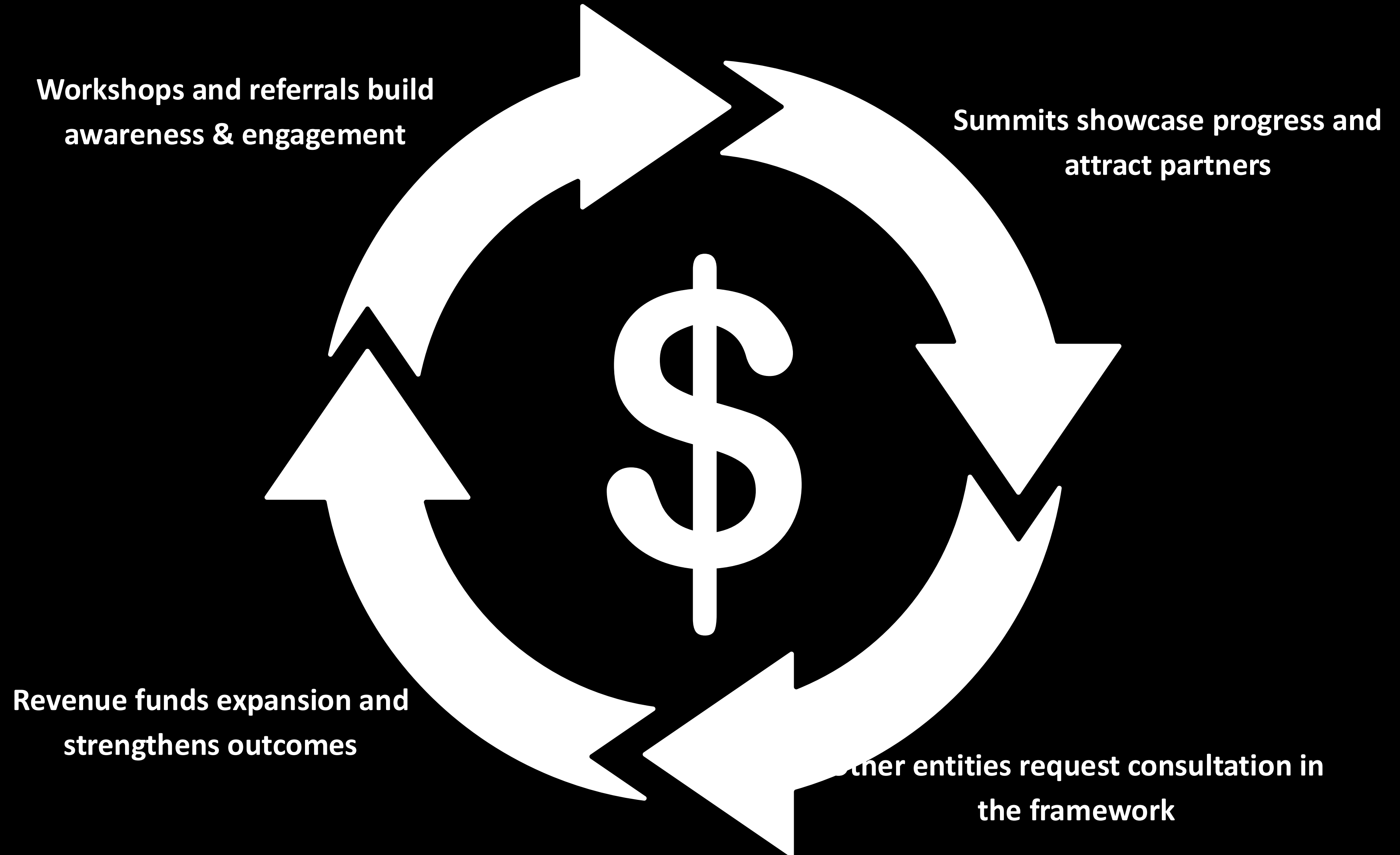
We combine civic
education with
community organizing
and cross-sector
connectivity.



We prioritize Black
cultural relevance,
intergenerational
participation and co-
governance.

Our model is designed
to scale; it's built for
local adaptation through
structured training and
facilitator support.

A Sustainable, Community-Owned Growth Strategy



Prize Impact

*****Launch a Civic Literacy Call to Action at the CED Summit-** free Introduction to Civics workshops to participating residents

****Build a Digital Engagement Hub-** development of community civic portal

***Facilitate Health and Wellness Programming-** integrate community-centered wellness experiences to support emotional and physical resilience

**Thank you for your
time and
consideration; we
welcome questions
and feedback!**

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Our vision is to create thriving communities where every resident feels valued, connected and empowered to build a prosperous future for generations to come.