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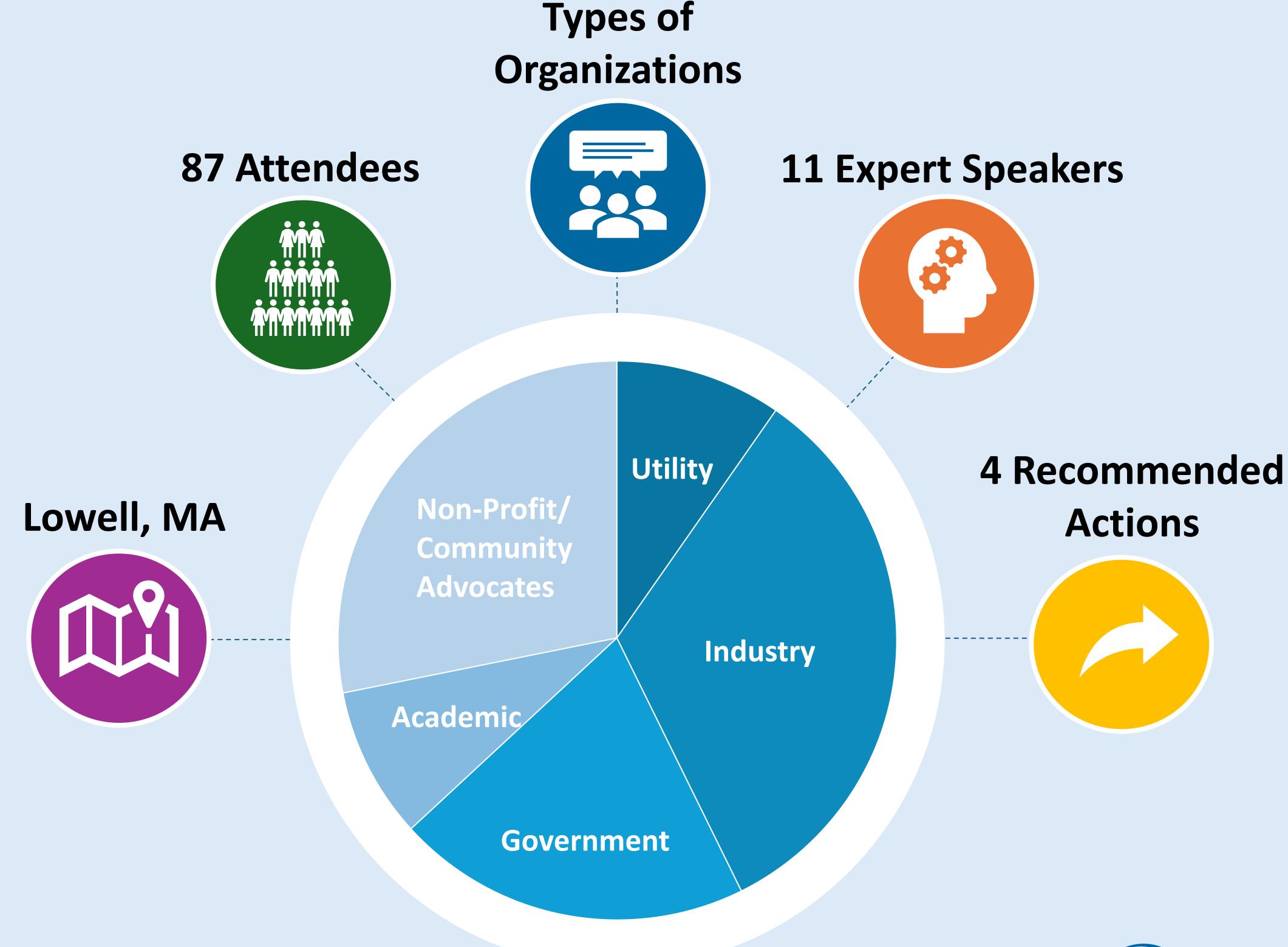
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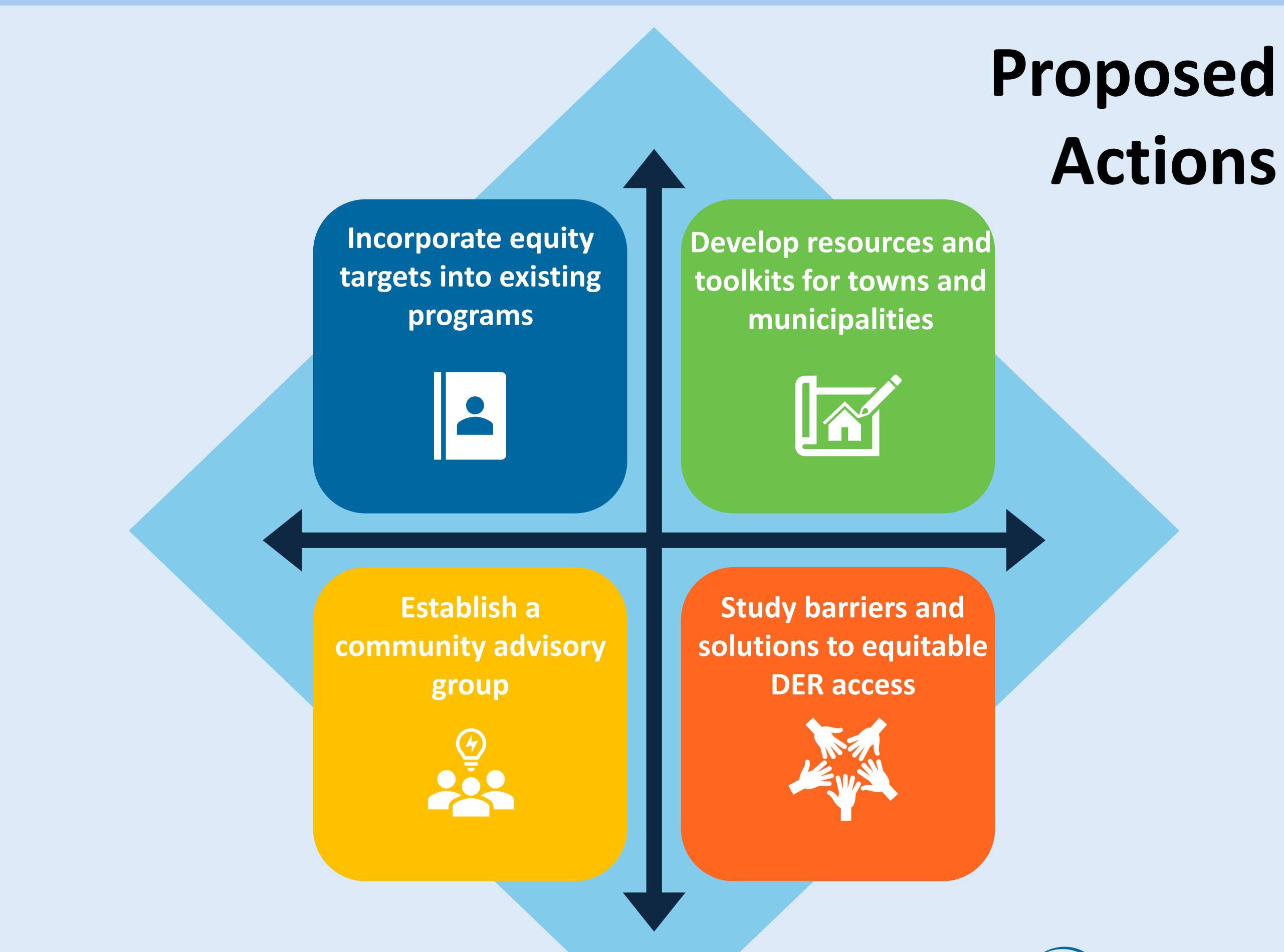






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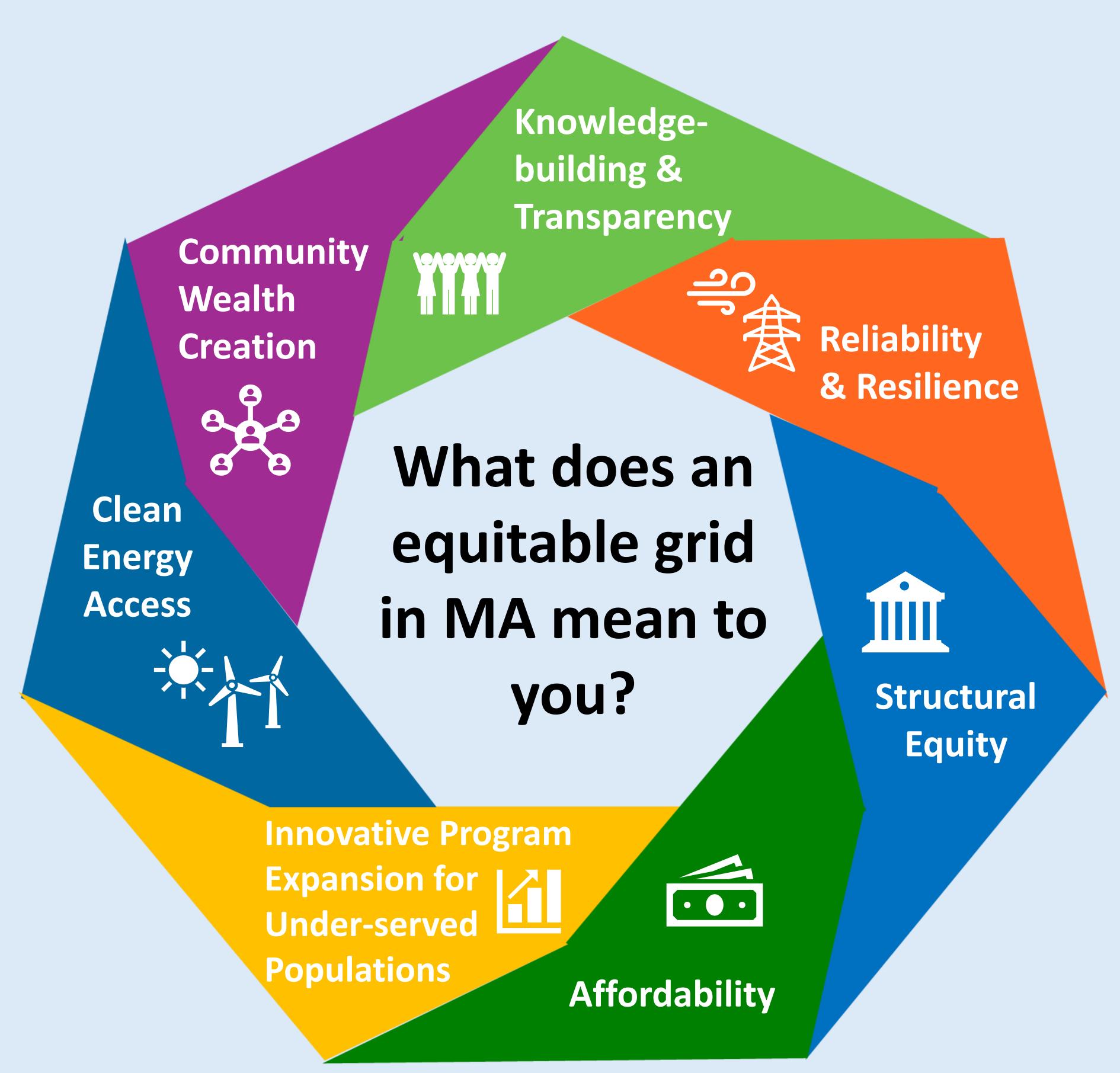






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What is the role of DERs in an equitable future grid?



Creating Community Prosperity

Drive local economies wealth creation through local asset ownership, build community prosperity and pride through cooperative governance and planning.



Democratizing the Energy System

Vehicle to further democratize the energy system through participatory planning, economically empower people and communities, build resilience, and repair past harms at the hyperlocal level.



Increasing Resilience

Empower community resilience in the face of climate and weather, cyber and physical threats, strengthen our physical and social infrastructure.



Enabling Flexible Models for Economic Participation

Tools for new models of economic participating in the electric system, especially through compensation for demand response or other forms of flexible energy use. Made possible through technology paired with data access and education.



Increasing Affordability

Present new options and business models for customers to achieve affordable energy.





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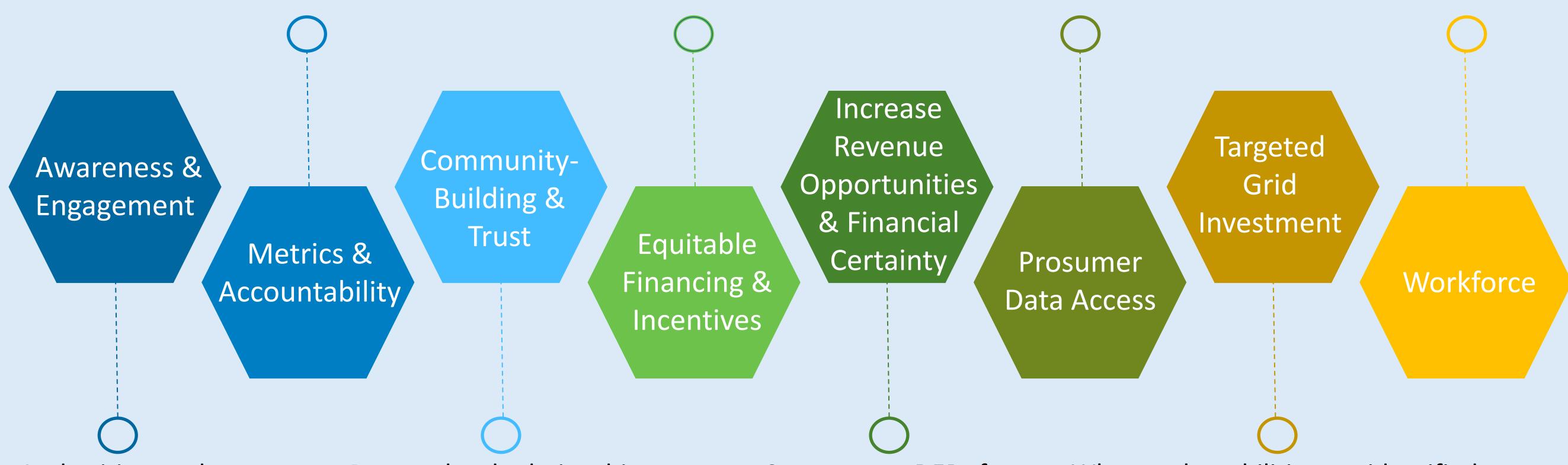
What is needed to ensure that EJ communities access DERs and their benefits?

Develop clear goals for community energy development and metrics to track progress toward achieving those goals

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Build human capacity and coordination structures



Authorities work proactively to cooperatively build community knowledge

Deepen local relationships between communities, businesses and DER stakeholders, leveraging trusted messengers

Compensate DERs for additional/all benefits they provide, including distribution grid services. Consider adders for EJ community customers, contributing to financial certainty for DERs

Where vulnerabilities are identified and community input is solicited, future-proof the grid through physical and software investments. Prioritize investments that benefit EJ communities/historically energy-burdened areas



