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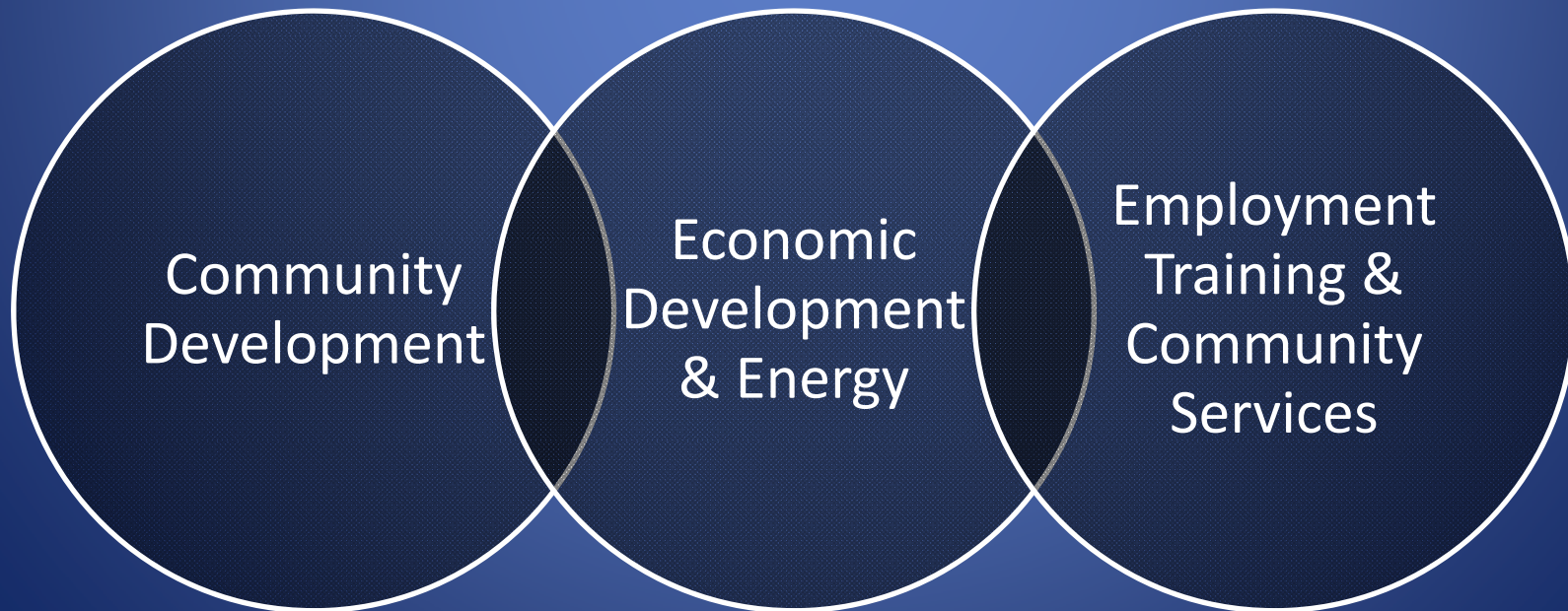
CONSOLIDATING COMMUNITY,
ECONOMIC, & WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
OF LIFE IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

Presentation to Ann Arbor City Council

July 11, 2011

County Collaboration & Consolidation

Administration directed staff to convene a process to investigate ways to increase collaboration between three County departments



County Collaboration & Consolidation

Bracing for federal,
state and local budget
shortfalls

Focusing on “doing
what we do best”

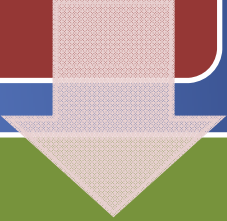
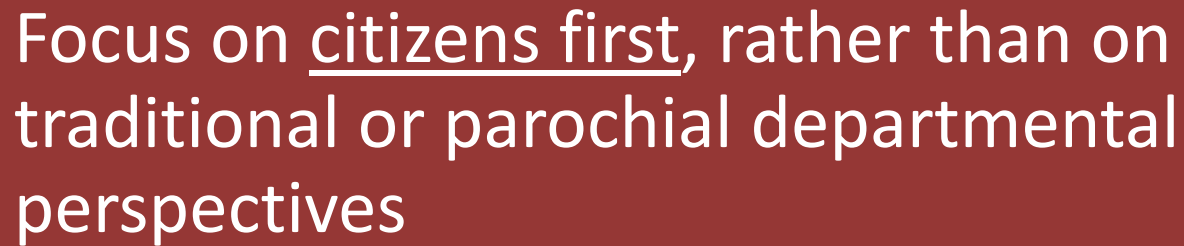
Current
Context

Finding increased
efficiencies that lead to
structural cost-savings

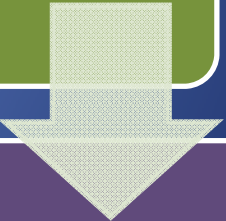
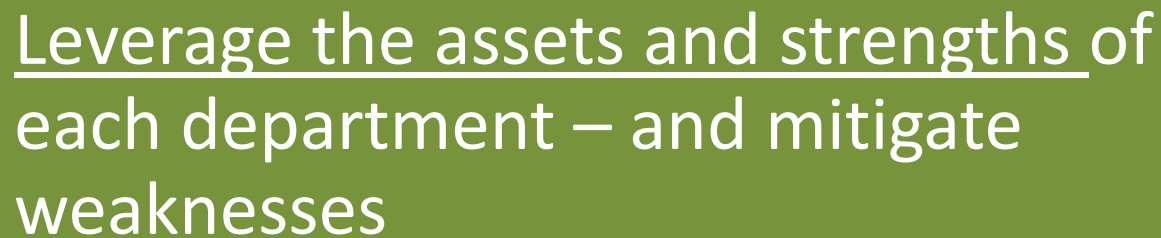
Leveraging strategic
partnerships to ensure
service delivery

Guiding Principles

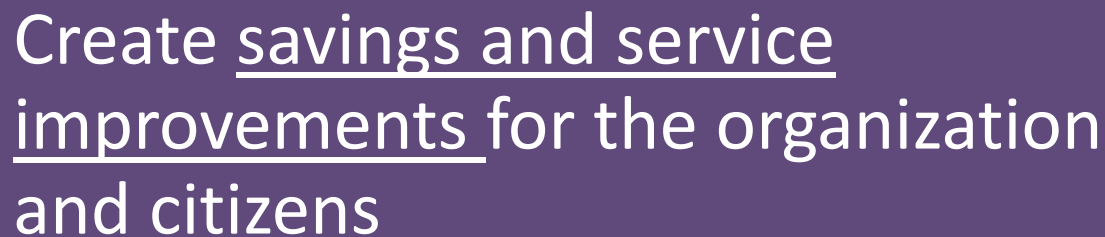
Focus on citizens first, rather than on traditional or parochial departmental perspectives



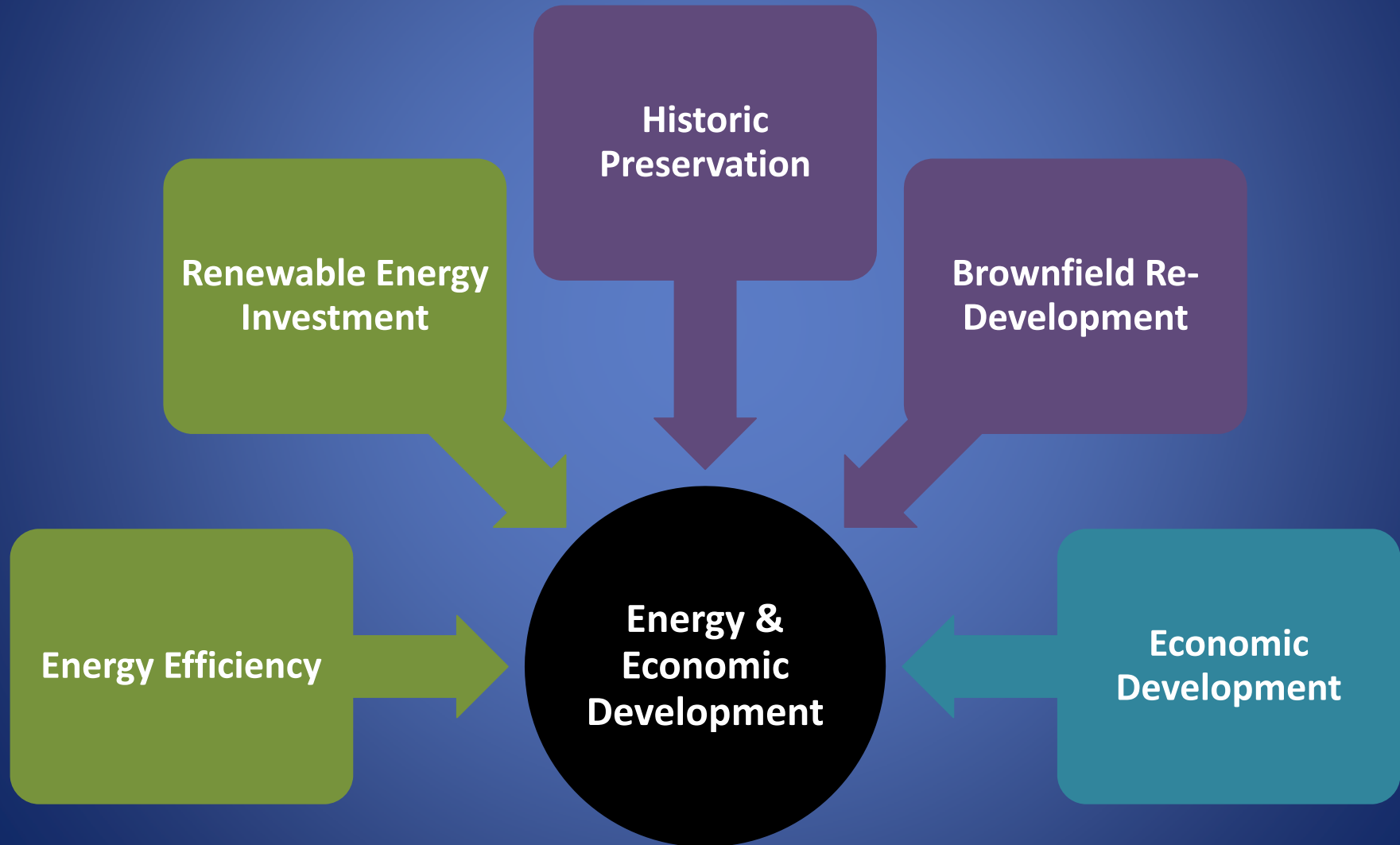
Leverage the assets and strengths of each department – and mitigate weaknesses



Create savings and service improvements for the organization and citizens



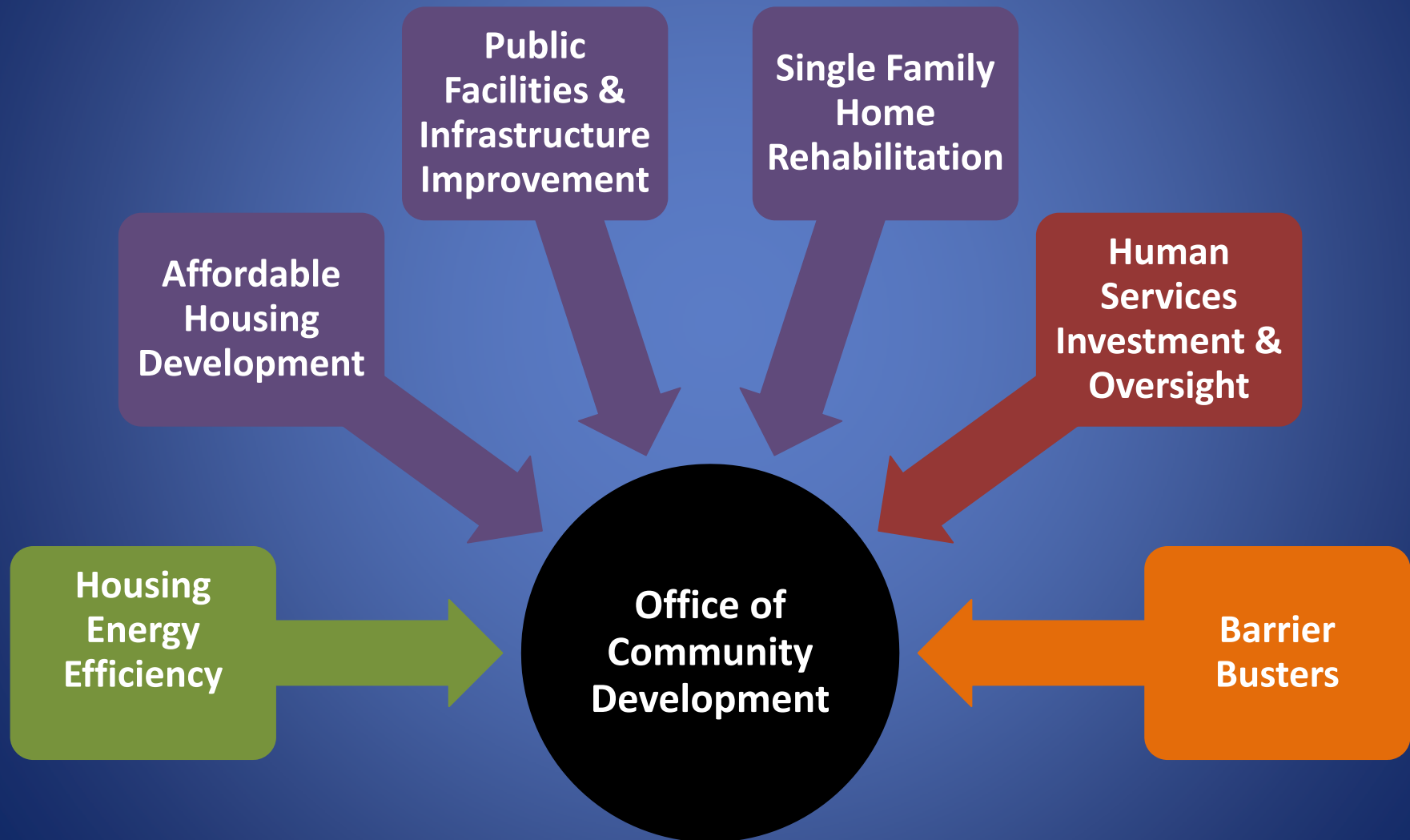
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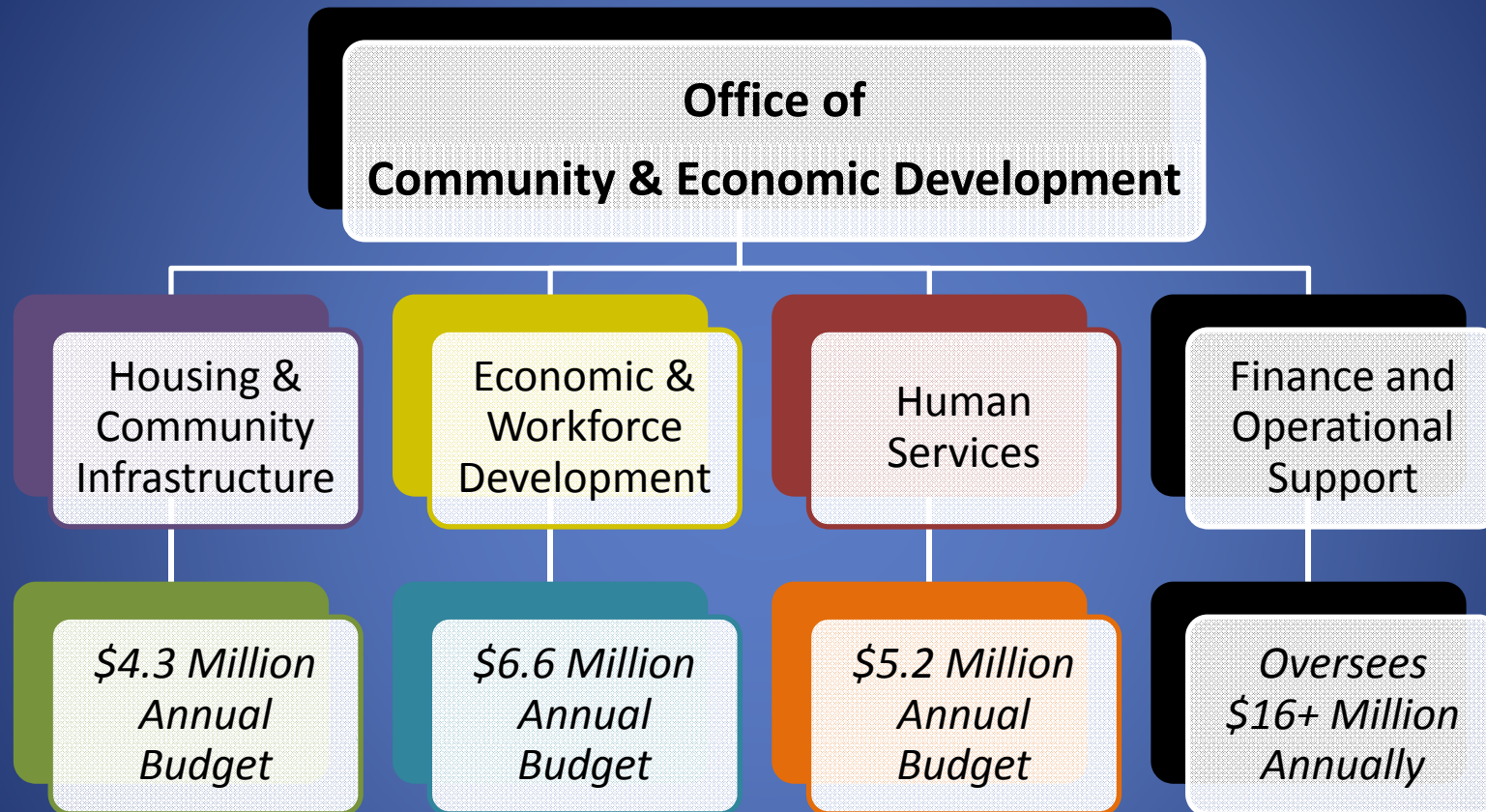
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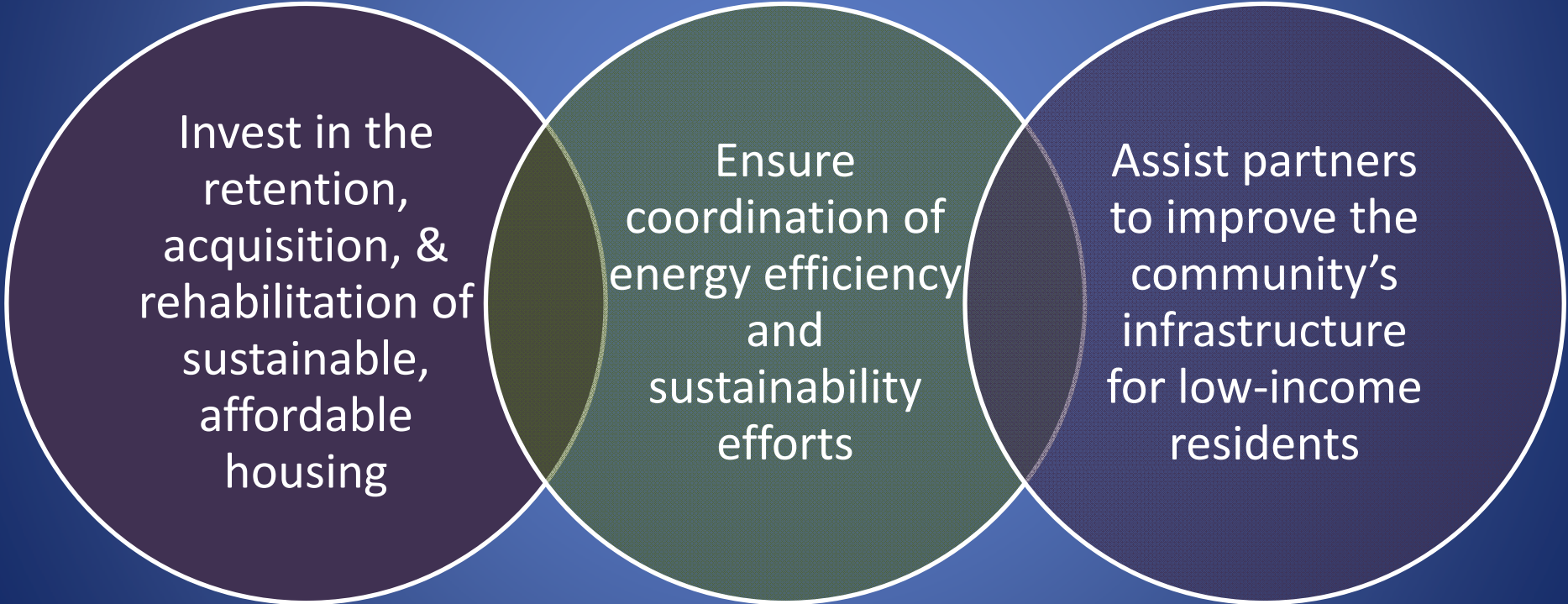


Recommended Structure & Function



This comprehensive approach recognizes that employment, economic vitality, neighborhood preservation and enhancement, and opportunity for all residents are inter-related, and must therefore be addressed as such.

Housing & Community Infrastructure




Invest in the retention, acquisition, & rehabilitation of sustainable, affordable housing

Ensure coordination of energy efficiency and sustainability efforts

Assist partners to improve the community's infrastructure for low-income residents

Economic & Workforce Development




Develop a pipeline of qualified workers for growing economic sectors

Provide services for unemployed residents

Foster programs to stabilize and expand existing and new business

Human Services



Partner with local nonprofits to deliver safety net services to residents

Provide targeted coordination of emergency financial assistance and senior services

Coordinate and/or facilitate community responses to emerging human services needs

Finance & Operational Support

Ensure that
financial,
regulatory,
and legal
obligations
are met

Service Enhancements

- Streamlining the delivery of human services to improve access to our community's most economically challenged residents.



Service Enhancements

- Combining the Rehabilitation & Weatherization programs to Improve access & service to low-income residents in need of housing sustainability & repairs.



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- Developing a “pipeline” of qualified workers for growing economic sectors & businesses needs.

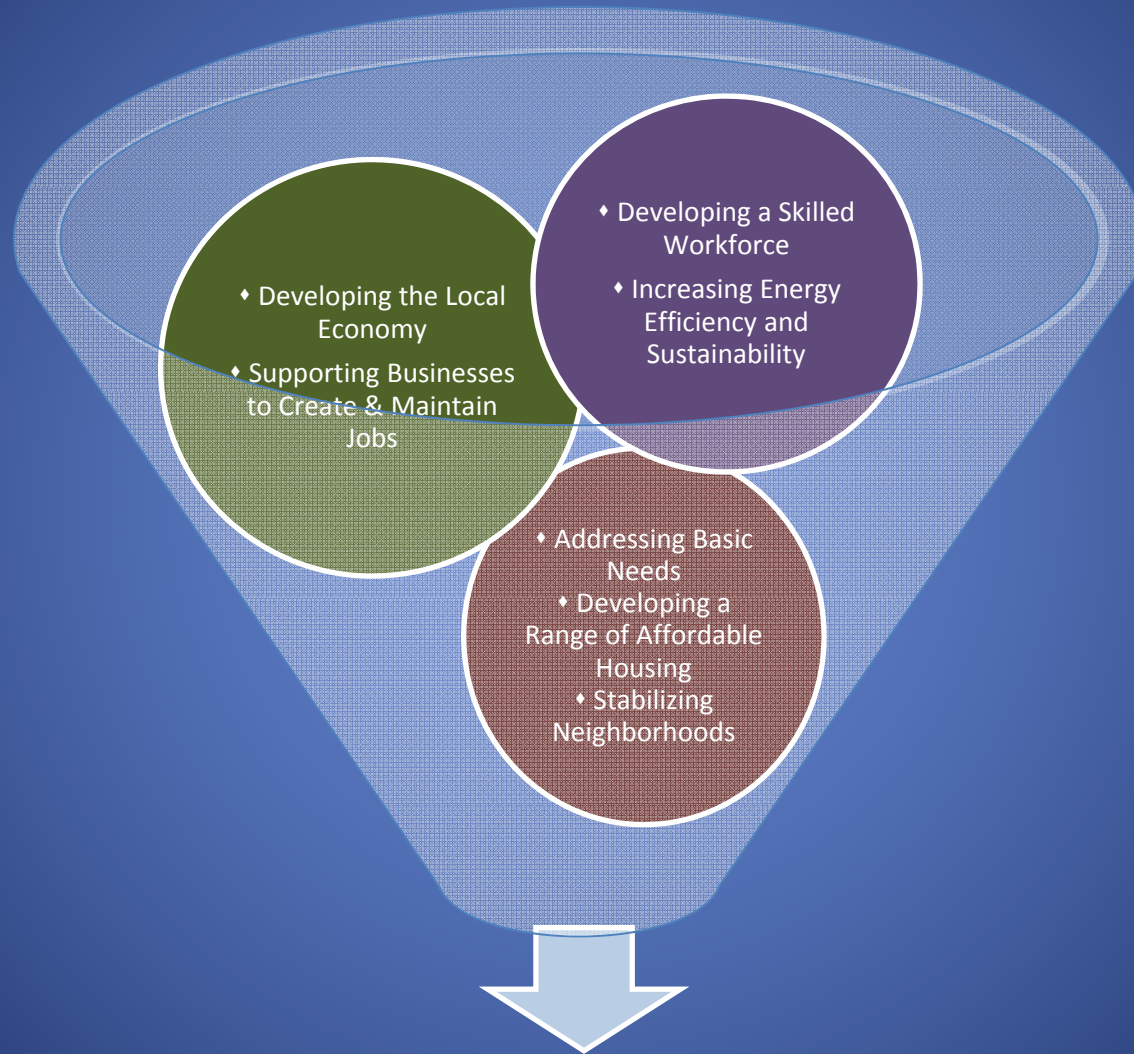


Continuing in Partnership with the City of Ann Arbor

The proposed Office of Community & Economic Development will continue to:

- Administer the City's General Funds invested in local human services;
- Advance the City's interests in the development of, and policies surrounding, affordable housing;
- Market and qualify buyers for the City's affordable housing covenant units;
- Administer the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund;
- Administer the City's allocation of Federal HOME and Community Development Block Grant funds through the Washtenaw Urban County;
- Staff the Housing and Human Services Advisory Board;
- Maintain a reporting relationship to the Community Services Area Administrator and City Administrator;
- Work actively with City staff, citizens, and Council to ensure that City policies maximize the quality of life for all residents, especially those who are economically challenged.

The Sum is More than the Parts



Quality of Place

Vital Cycle of Success



Questions & Advice?