

BUILT Nonprofits (Building Upgrades Inspiring Local Transformation)

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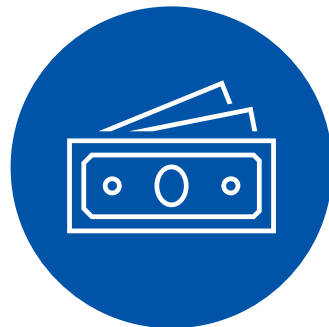
The Department of Energy's Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP) works with state, local, and Tribal governments, **nonprofit organizations**, schools, and community partners to provide technical assistance and **invest in place-based energy projects** that aim to catalyze local economic development and create jobs, **reduce energy costs**, and avoid pollution.



Need for Building Upgrades at Nonprofits



There are **1.5 million** nonprofits in the United States, employing more than **10%** of the workforce - more than **12.8 million workers**.



Most nonprofits operate on small budgets, with annual revenues of under **\$500,000**. While providing these priceless public goods, most operate on small annual budgets, and many have struggled to meet an increased demand for services in recent years.



Many nonprofits provide direct services to disadvantaged communities. **Many lack the experience, capacity, and immediate funds** needed to invest in energy upgrades.



Energy consumption is the **second highest operational expense** for nonprofits.

Overview

What is BUILT Nonprofits?

The **B**uilding **U**pgrades **I**nspiring **L**ocal **T**ransformation (BUILT Nonprofits) funding opportunity will support **nonprofit building improvement projects** that reduce energy use, lower carbon emissions, and generate short and long-term **energy cost savings** so that operational dollars can be **redirected toward mission-critical work**.

This **\$2 million** funding opportunity will provide individual grants of **up to \$100,000**.



How is this different than the 2023 Renew America's Nonprofits Grant?

- Unlike the [2023 Renew America's Nonprofits Grant](#), BUILT Nonprofits will **directly fund community-based nonprofit organizations** to make energy efficiency improvements. The grant can fund equipment and installation costs.
- BUILT Nonprofits will provide **awards of up to \$100,000 each**, through a reimbursable grant with a required **20% cost-share**.
- Apply by **11:59 PM ET on November 12th** at: <https://www.techwerx.org/opportunities/SCEP-BUILT>.

Who should apply?

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that own and operate their buildings can receive up to \$100,000 for **energy efficiency upgrades**.

This is an opportunity to:

- Reduce operational costs,
- Minimize your environmental impact, and
- Increase your budget for the programs that matter most!

Organizations must have the capacity to:

1. Measure and meet energy efficiency goals
2. Adhere to Davis Bacon and NEPA Federal requirements.
3. Provide the 20% required cost share
4. Report results – energy savings and community impact



Potential Activities

What can be funded?

- ✓ Insulation
- ✓ Energy efficient lighting
- ✓ HVAC upgrades to existing systems
- ✓ Weather sealing and duct sealing
- ✓ Energy/water-efficient residential and commercial appliances and equipment
- ✓ Windows and doors retrofit and replacement
- ✓ Electric appliances
- ✓ Energy-efficient commercial kitchen equipment
- ✓ Roof repair or replacement
- ✓ Electrical system upgrades required to enable energy efficient/clean energy
- ✓ Measures limited to electric panel upgrades, updated wiring and conduit, grounding, and arc-fault circuit interrupter (AFCI) and ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) breakers

Note: Electric vehicles (EVs), EV charging infrastructure, solar and other renewable energy upgrades CANNOT be funded, per the authorizing statute.

Cost Share



- ✓ Can be in-kind or monetary
- ✓ Can be provided by the nonprofit or another funder
- ✓ All applications must include a letter of cost share commitment stating how you plan to/who will provide cost share.
- ✓ Cost share adds to the funding request – ex: \$100,000 + \$25,000 (20%)

Note: This is a reimbursable grant.

How Cost Sharing is Calculated

Cost sharing is calculated as a percentage of the Total Project Cost. The following is an example of how to calculate cost sharing amounts for a project with \$100,000 in federal funds with a minimum 20% non-federal cost sharing requirement:

Formula: Federal share (\$) divided by federal share (%) = Total Project Cost

Example: \$100,000 divided by 80% = \$125,000

Formula: Total Project Cost (\$) minus federal share (\$) = Non-federal share (\$)

Example: \$125,000 minus \$100,000 = \$25,000

Formula: Non-federal share (\$) divided by Total Project Cost (\$) = Non-federal share (%)

Example: \$25,000 divided by \$125,000 = 20%

20%

BUILT Nonprofits Federal Requirements

1. **Projects should be completed within 12 months** (opportunity for a 6-month no-cost time extension.)
2. **Contractors will have to adhere to Davis-Bacon wage requirements.**
 - The Davis-Bacon Act helps ensure that federally funded projects prioritize workers and protect communities by upholding local wage and labor standards.
3. **Projects will have to comply with National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) standards.**
 - NEPA allows programs to evaluate the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions. The allowable upgrades are listed as options to select in the application. Historic buildings may require additional review.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible:

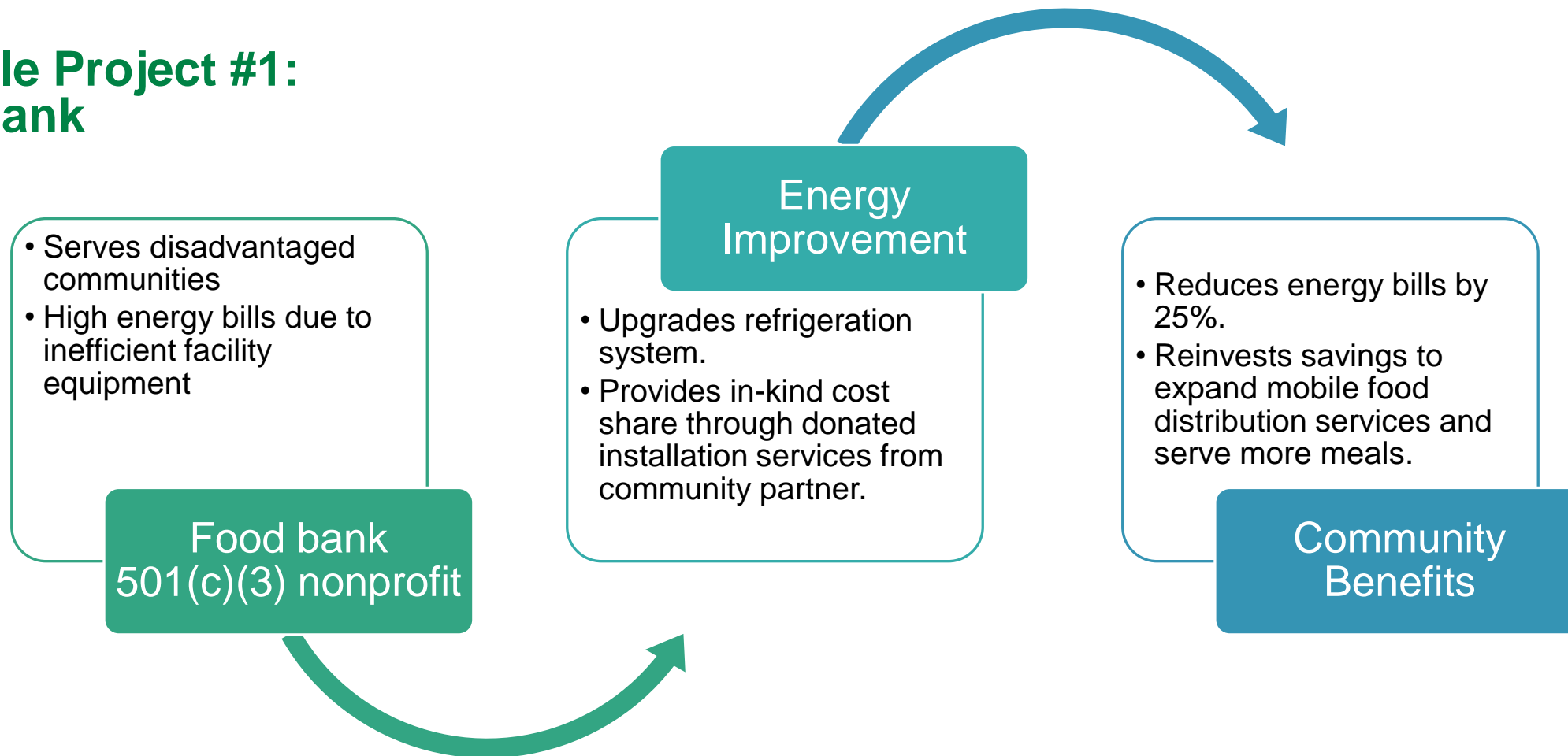
- ✓ Non-profit **501(c)(3) organizations** that are proposing upgrades only to buildings which they **own and operate**.
- ✓ Applicants must provide the required **20% cost share** (monetary and/or in-kind).
- ✓ Applicant must qualify as a **domestic** entity.

Not Eligible:

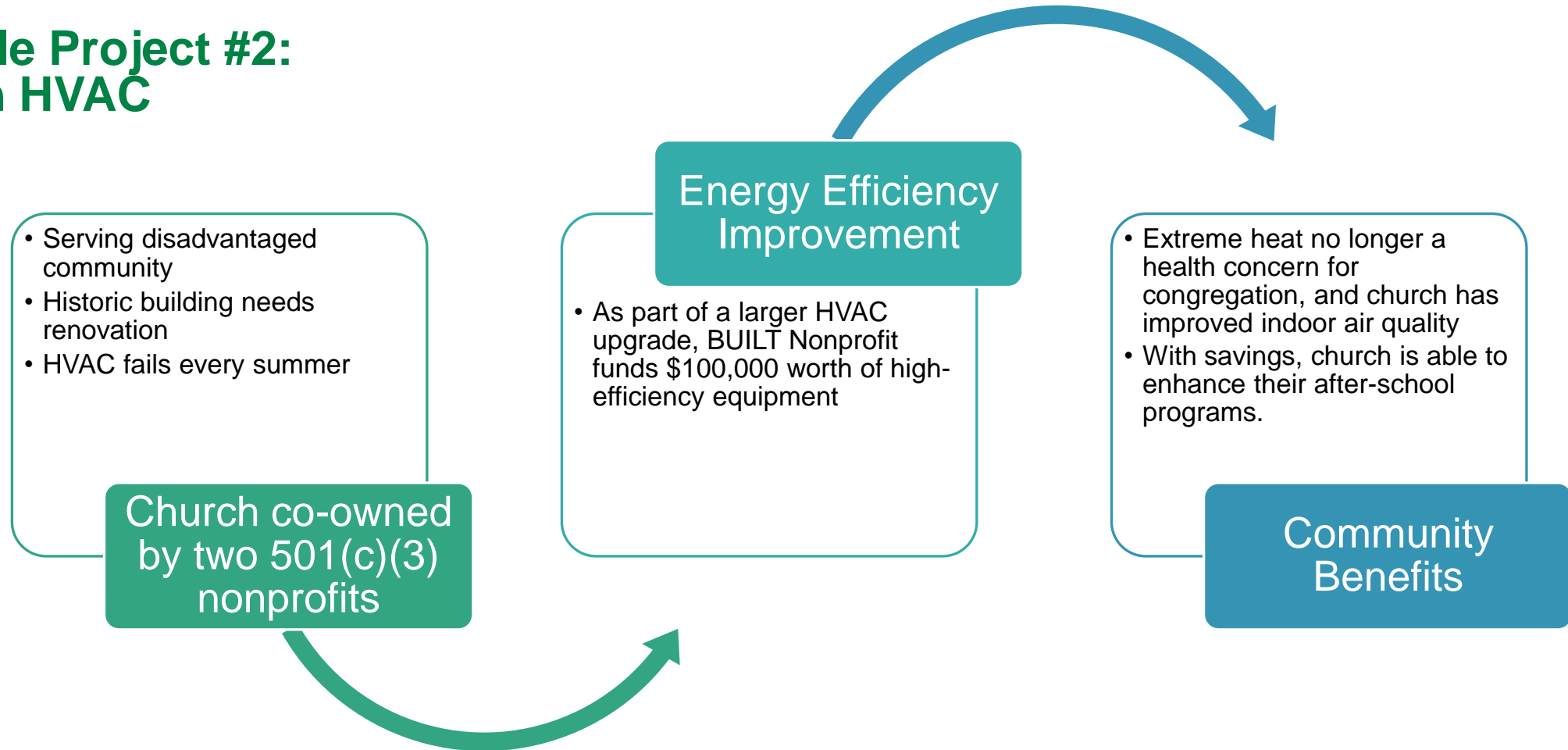
- Nonprofits without a 501(c)(3) designation.
- Buildings leased (not owned) by a nonprofit.
- International entities.
- Applications received after November 12th.



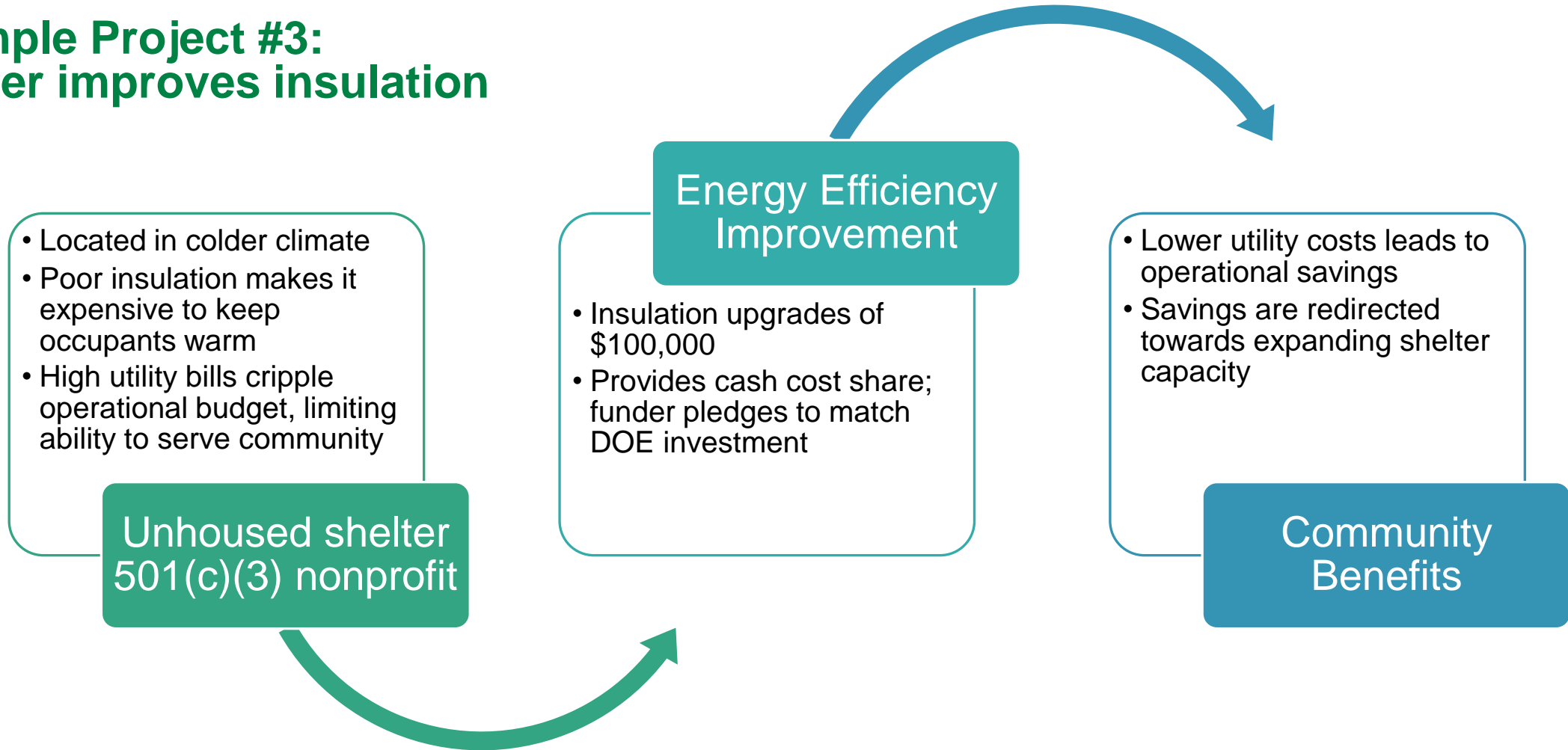
Example Project #1: Food bank



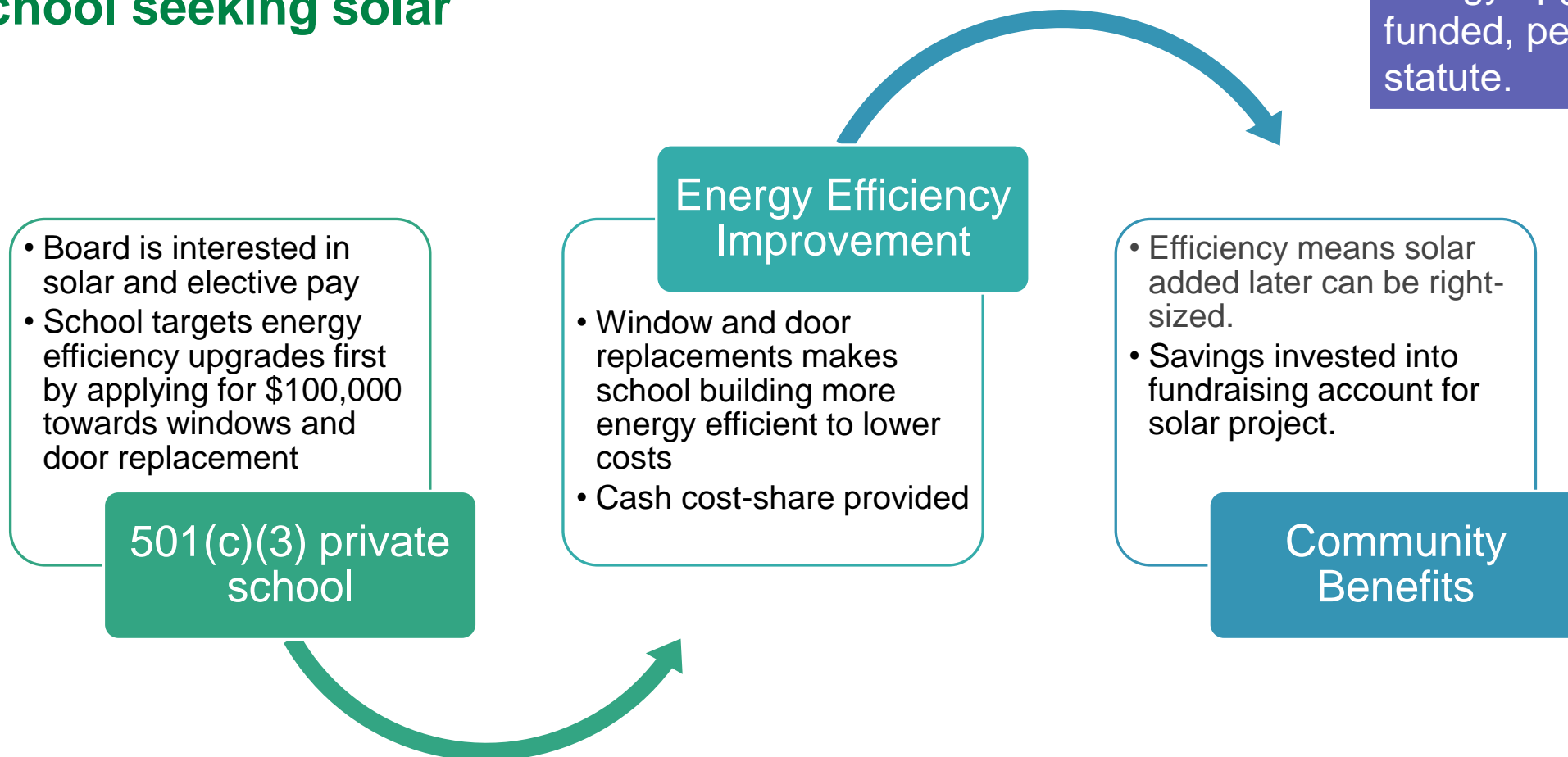
Example Project #2: Church HVAC



Example Project #3: Shelter improves insulation



Example Project #4: School seeking solar



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Example Project #5: Lighting in camp buildings

- Camp spans large areas, including two main buildings.
- Land is leased from the state park, but the buildings are owned by the 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

501(c)(3) Camp for kids

Energy Efficiency Improvement

- DOE funds the organization for \$100,000 for lighting upgrades across both buildings, given that they meet eligibility criteria and requested up to \$100,000.

- Lighting has a quick pay-back for savings
- Camp reinvests to start scholarship fund for kids from nearby disadvantaged community to attend

Community Benefits

Note: This organization submitted one application. Nonprofits are encouraged to submit only their best proposal, given the expected demand for this opportunity.

Application Walkthrough

The application contains the following sections:

- ✓ Organization + Eligibility Information
- ✓ Project Information
- ✓ Project Narrative
- ✓ Supporting Documentation

Applications are due by **November 12, 2024, at 11:59pm ET.**

[Apply](#) on the TechWerx
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Organization + Eligibility Information

Contact
information

Organization
location and
description

Eligibility
verification
questions

Project Information

Energy improvement

- Energy improvement(s) from list above.

Estimated energy impacts

- Estimated energy savings, greenhouse gas emission reductions, cost savings

Plan for measuring and verifying savings

- Ex: Using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager

Budget

- Funding request
- Cost share
- Justification of funding request

Project Narrative

Project Overview

- Energy improvement and objective.
- Include workplan, timelines, and the team.

Statement of Need

- Impact that DOE funding will have on the nonprofit building, occupant health, and the community served.

Community Benefits

- How energy savings will be translated.
- Whether you anticipate leveraging this grant to secure additional funding.

Supporting Documentation

Proof of 501(c)(3) status

- Ex: 990

Proof of building ownership

- Ex: Lease

Building Assessment

- Ex: Energy audit (any level), BETTER report, or equivalent

Documentation to support cost or energy estimates

- Ex: Bid or vendor quote

Cost share documentation

- Cost share letter of commitment

Review Criteria



Criterion 1: Energy Related Impacts of Upgrade (40%)

- Energy Savings
- Energy Cost Savings
- Emission Reductions
- Plan to Measure Energy Impacts
- Specifications or Rationale for Proposed Upgrade



Criterion 2: Organizational Capacity and Need (30%)

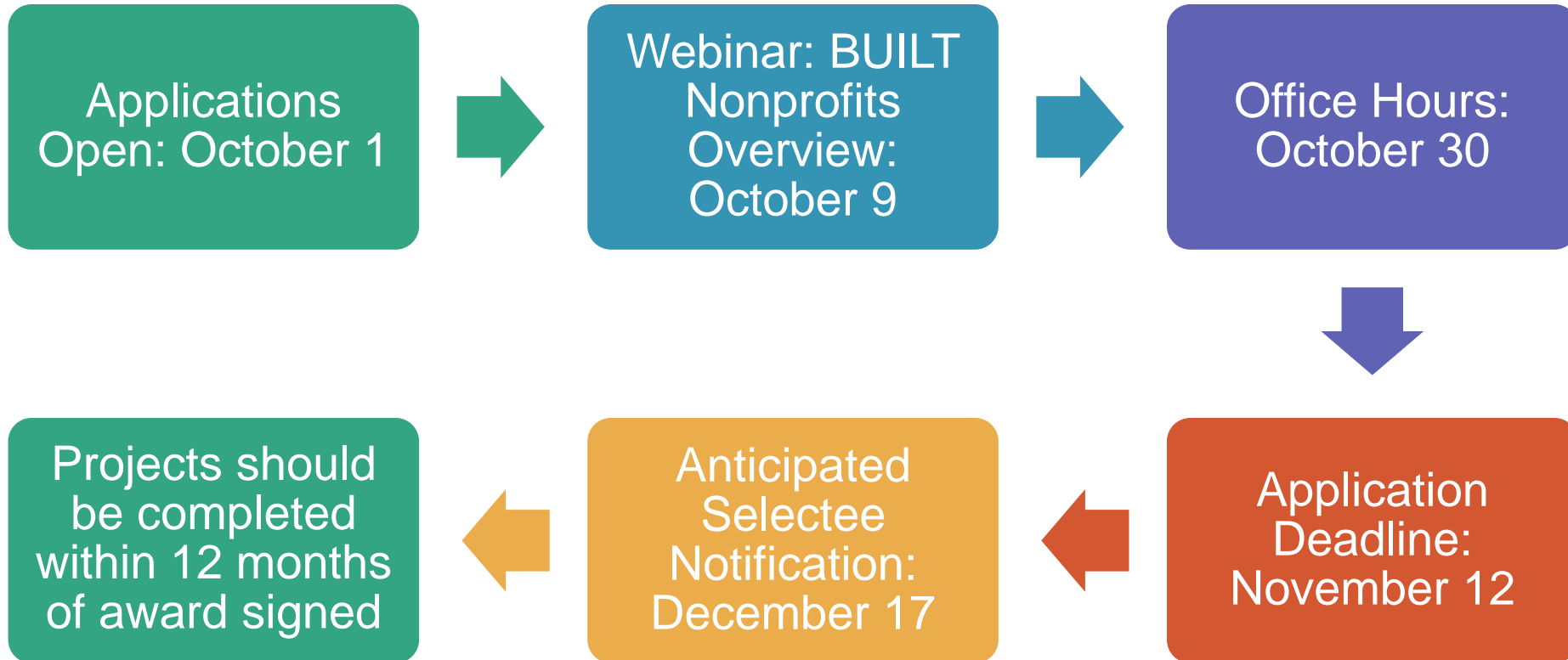
- Project Team Composition
- Timeline
- Statement of Need



Criterion 3: Community Related Impacts (30%)

- Justice40 Community Benefits
- Reinvestment to Mission

Key Dates



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