



## Building the civic infrastructure everyone needs to thrive

Blueprints for Belonging is not a new coalition, a new grant program, or a substitute for existing community-development work. **It is a long-horizon backbone that helps an already active ecosystem** hold onto hard-won capacity, move priority projects through the last-mile barriers that stall them, and translate visible results into policy and a durable public story.

### The Gap Blueprints for Belonging Fills

#### What exists

Community organizations, local governments, labor, tribal governments, intermediaries, funders, and public agencies already lead projects, organize, finance, train, and advocate.

#### What is missing

A movement of practitioners that links transformative local practices to innovative and far reaching state and federal policies that fight wealth inequality and builds resilience.

#### What Blueprints adds

A light but disciplined backbone: portfolio support, rapid troubleshooting, peer learning, evidence capture, and a shared public story, without displacing local leadership.

### Movement Building

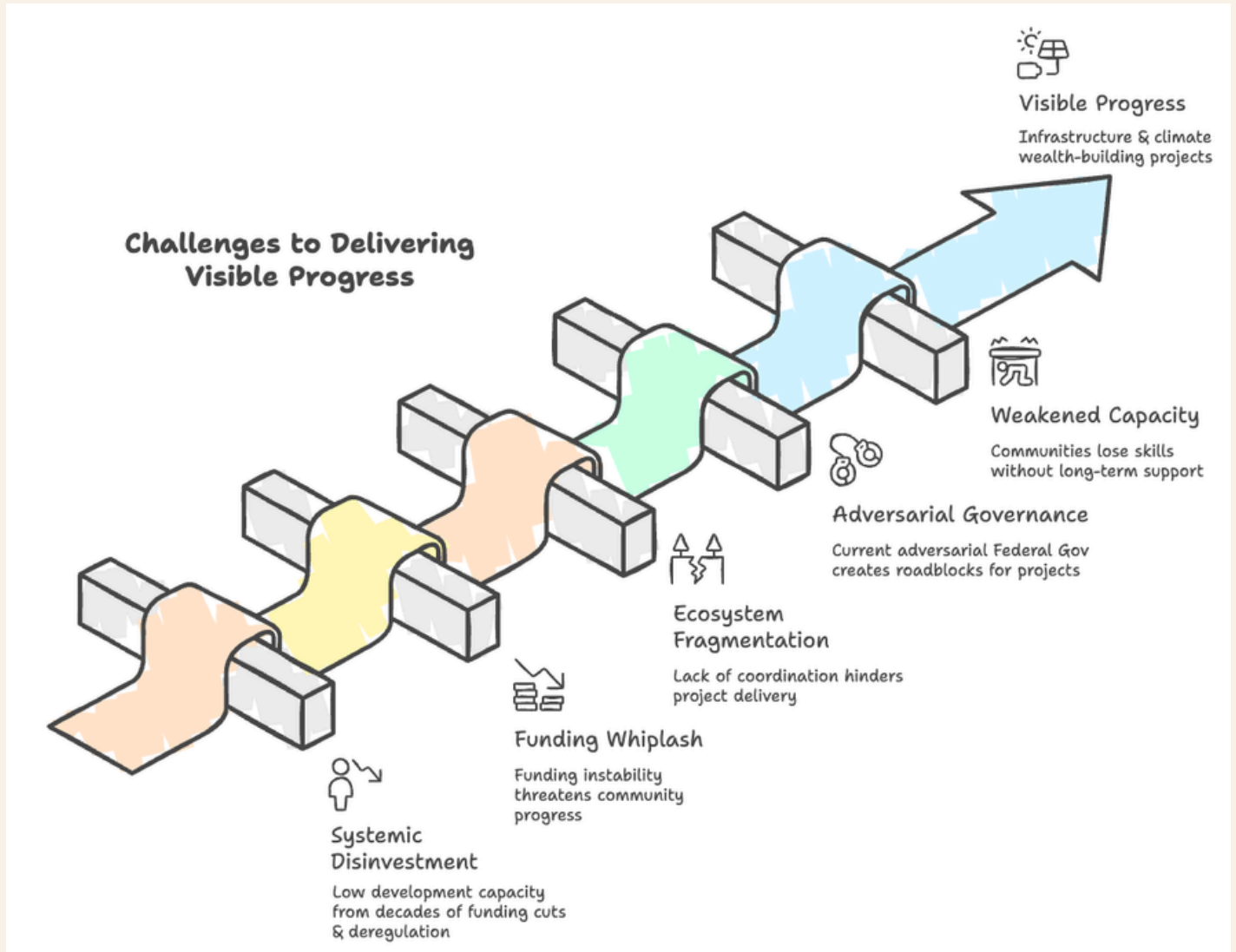
**Blueprints for Belonging will create a living legacy**, a web of communities and leaders who revolutionize not just what we build, but how we build it, centering people, pride, and justice at every step.



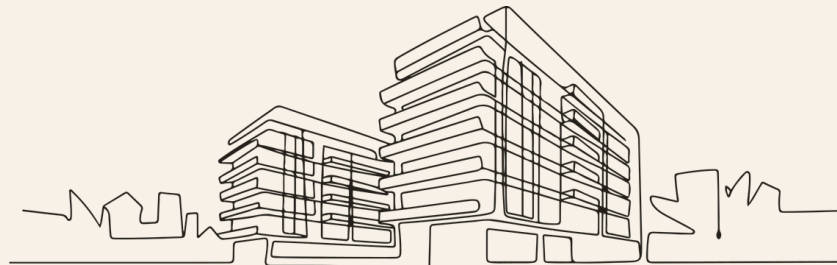
Blueprints for Belonging and Just Solutions can seize this moment, bind the ecosystem of doers more tightly, and invest strategically to ensure that the expanded civic infrastructure built in preparation for historic federal investments can become **vibrant, resilient, and ready to deliver systemic change for years to come.**

# The Challenge We're Responding To

Communities that have experienced historic disinvestment often have the vision and commitment to lead transformative projects, but not the stable resources, development capacity, financing, partnerships, or political support to bring those projects to life. Short-term funding, fragmented systems, and shifting political conditions can erode hard-won capacity just when it is needed most.



**Blueprints for Belonging turns fragile civic capacity into durable community power.** By connecting community-led climate and infrastructure projects with sustained development support, shared learning, public-purpose policy, and inspiring stories, we can help communities build health, prosperity, resilience, and a deeper sense of belonging that lasts beyond any single funding cycle or political moment.



## Why focus on civic infrastructure?

Civic infrastructure is the community's capacity to act together. It ensures that community members are not merely consulted after decisions are made, but have meaningful power in defining priorities, governing investments, and sharing in the benefits.

**It connects community knowledge with public authority, technical expertise, capital, and implementation capacity,** so that investments in housing, health, climate resilience, mobility, and economic development produce durable, community-owned gains.



**Achieving transformative change at the scale and depth needed requires good strategy, strong commitment, and ample time.**

Our experience shows that successful, impactful, and enduring movements require a minimum of 10 years to build durable capacity, formidable social networks, culture, and infrastructure.

**In 10 years we can run consequential campaigns built on proven models and extensive experience** versus theoretical and unproven proposals that, while well intentioned, lack the implementation experience to be scaled and replicated in the time horizons that federal infrastructure funding is usually governed by.

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