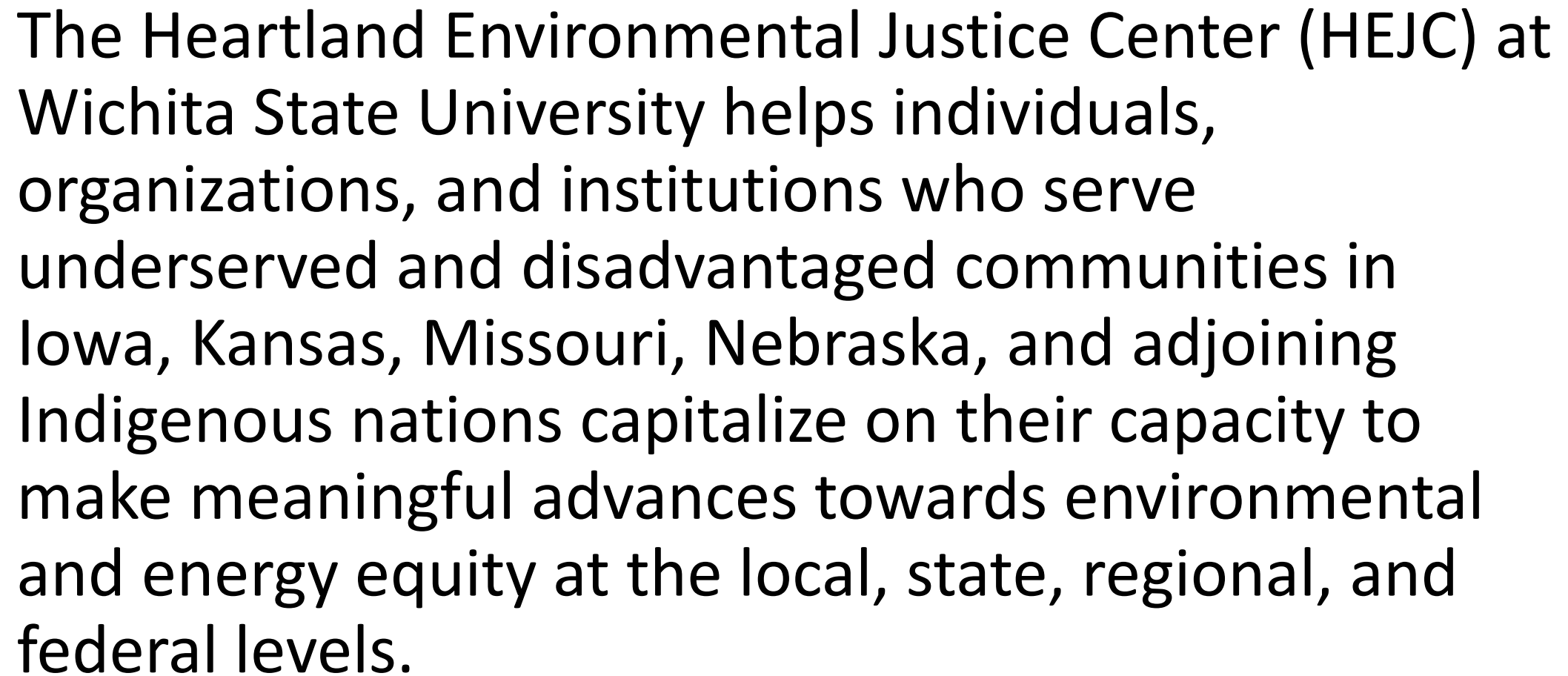




# **Heartland Environmental Justice Center**

A Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center





The Heartland Environmental Justice Center (HEJC) at Wichita State University helps individuals, organizations, and institutions who serve underserved and disadvantaged communities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and adjoining Indigenous nations capitalize on their capacity to make meaningful advances towards environmental and energy equity at the local, state, regional, and federal levels.



# The EPA defines EJ as...

the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

# What about Energy Justice?

“Energy justice refers to the goal of achieving equity in both the social and economic participation in the energy system, while also remediating social, economic, and health burdens on those disproportionately harmed by the energy system... Energy justice aims to make energy accessible, affordable, clean, and democratically managed for all communities.”

# DOE Funded Activities

## Clean energy transition

Community opportunities and assets to advance energy justice objectives through clean energy demonstration, deployment, workforce development, and outreach projects, including on current and former mine lands

## Financing options

Including public-private partnerships and innovative financing structures, to pursue clean energy demonstration, deployment, workforce development, and outreach projects that meet energy justice needs

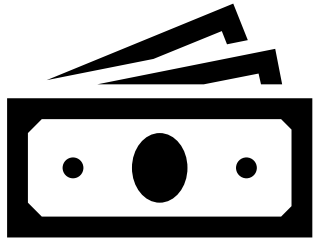
## Collaboration

Private sector and investors, public and philanthropic organizations, on clean energy demonstration, deployment, workforce development and outreach opportunities



# Training

Grant Writing &  
Management



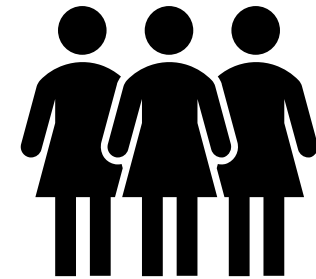
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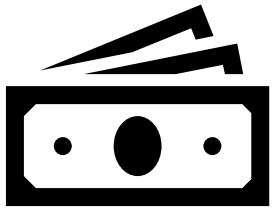


Leadership  
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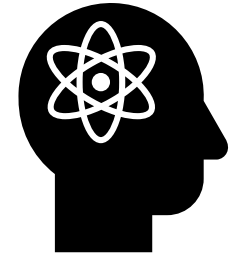
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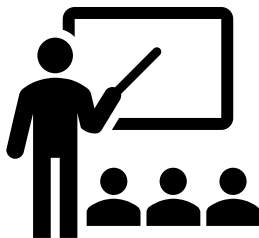
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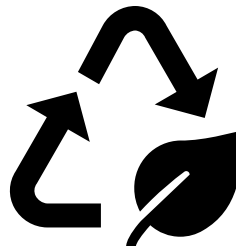
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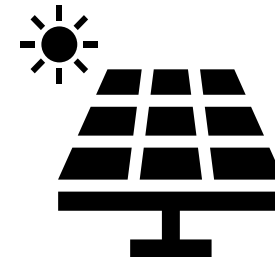
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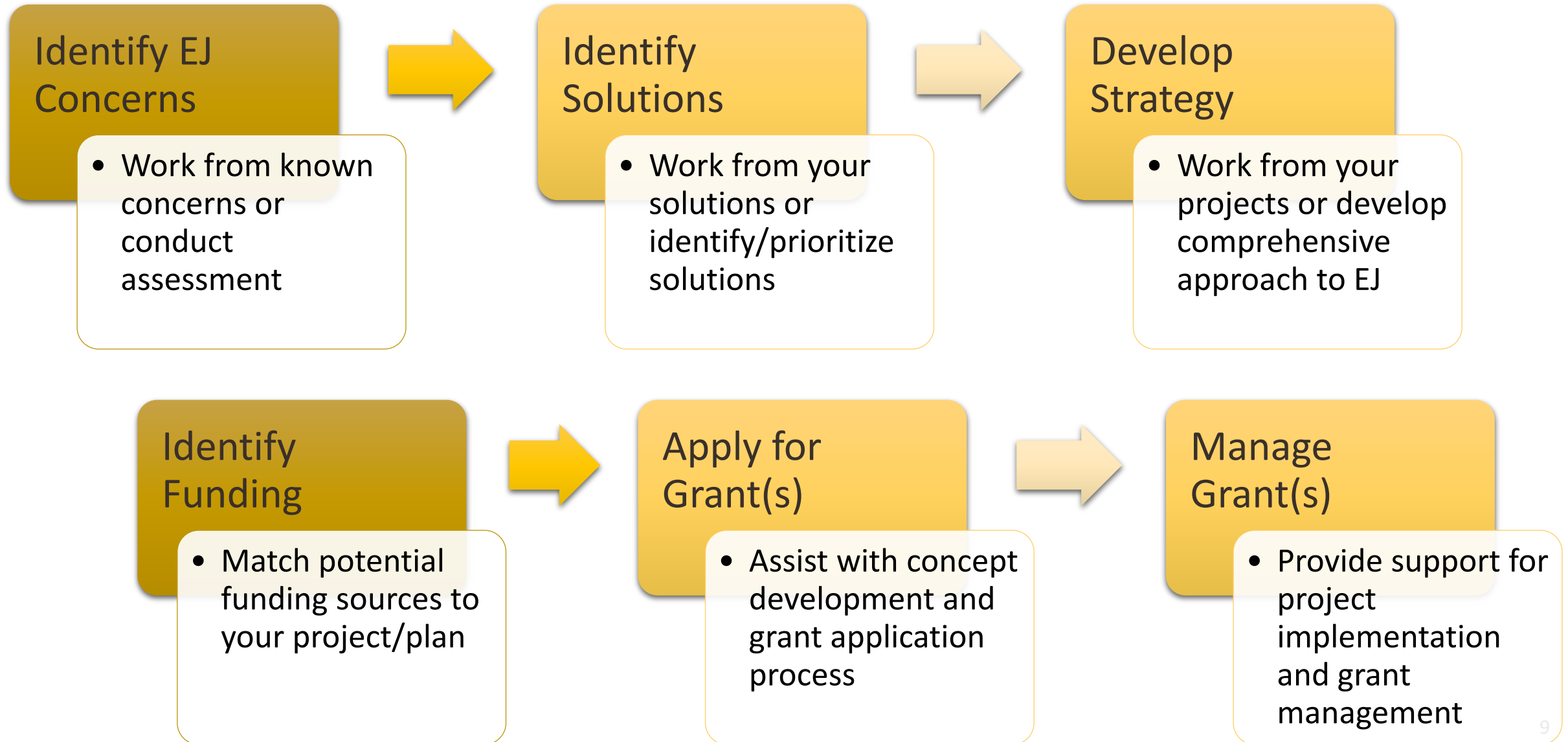
EJ Technical  
Expertise



Energy  
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# What does this look like for you?



# Who is the HEJC?

## HEJC Staff

Community Engagement  
Training  
Technical Assistance  
Communications  
Coordination

## Program Partners

Community Engagement  
Training  
Technical Assistance

## Accountability Board

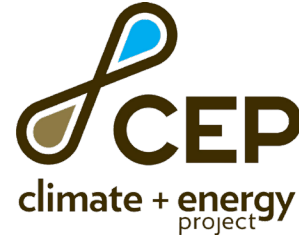
EJ Community Representatives  
Program Guidance  
Feedback on Engagement



# HEJC Partners



CENTER *for*  
RURAL AFFAIRS



Iowa  
Environmental  
Council



FOR THE HEALTH OF THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE

KANSAS  
RURAL  
CENTER

KANSAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY



Community  
Engineering Corps



Environmental  
Protection Network



# Thank You

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