

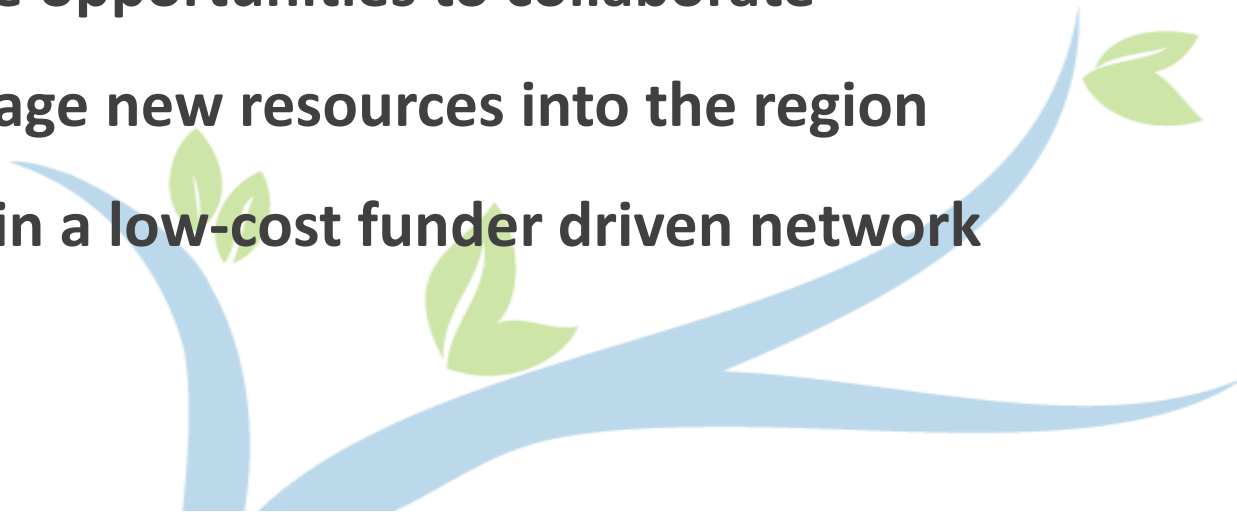
Introduction to the Network



Purpose of the Network

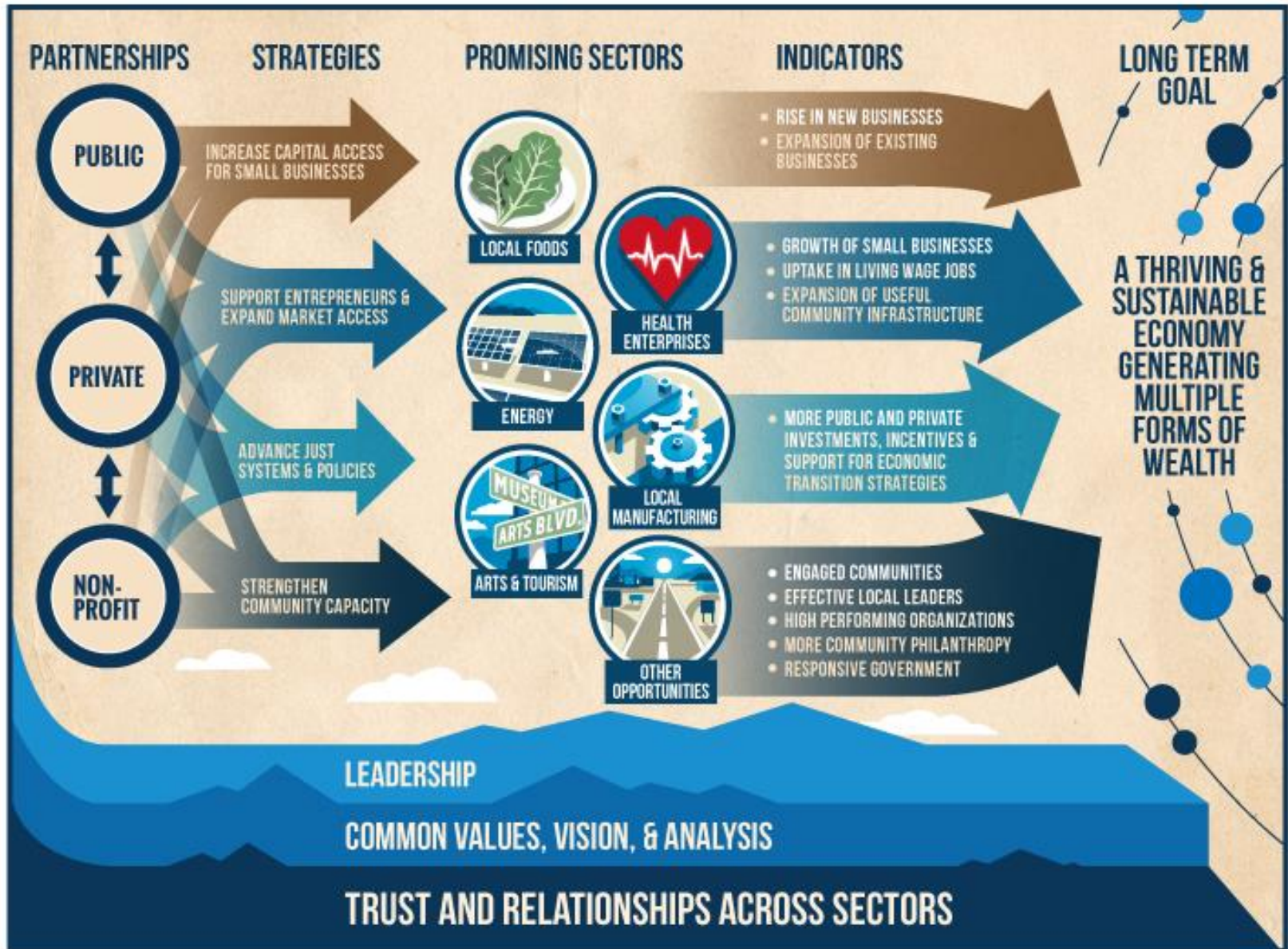
Align the efforts of grantmakers to accelerate the economic transition of Central Appalachia

- **Build relationships and trust**
- **Foster a common understanding, analysis, and vision**
- **Create opportunities to collaborate**
- **Leverage new resources into the region**
- **Sustain a low-cost funder driven network**



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Working Groups

THE ENGINE OF THE NETWORK





Health

Convenes health funders across the region to develop a common understanding and shared strategies to:

- ❖ **Support enterprising opportunities in the Health Care sector and**
- ❖ **Foster a culture of health across our region by identifying and investing in promising practices that improve health outcomes in Appalachian and rural contexts.**





Food Systems

Together with the Central Appalachian Network (CAN), the joint food systems working group works to:

- ❖ Strengthen the region's capacity for food system development**
- ❖ Connecting funders and practitioners within four specific sub-regions**



Rooting the Transition

Advocates for the role of community foundations to:

- ❖ **Inform local economic development strategies**
- ❖ **Grow local and regional endowments**
- ❖ **Strengthen community capacity in the region**



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