

Future of the Energy Insecurity Workgroup

July 26th, 2022

Workshop Objective and Structure

Objectives:

- Reflect on the collectively created workgroup vision statement, mission statement and accomplishments of the workgroup thus far
- Explore challenges and potential opportunities for changes in leadership structure and funding sources

Structure:

1. Project Overview and Accomplishments
2. Structure Changes
3. Funding Changes
4. Group Discussion
5. Next Steps

First Annual Energy Insecurity Meeting

Working toward cross collaboration

- Discussion with EI workgroup members regarding long term future of the workgroup
- Secure funding
- Formalize the EI Workgroup

Community education

More actions, succession planning

Reach out to EI-impacted communities

Activities

ACTIVITIES	DESCRIPTION	NEXT STEPS
LEARN	Introduce Project and Learn from Stakeholders about their experiences on Energy Insecurity	Ongoing Process
ENGAGE	Established Energy Insecurity Workgroup (EIW)	Transition of EIW - new framework, leadership, and focus
COLLECT DATA	Administer Community and Stakeholder Survey	Survey Reports completed and distributed
EII TOOLKIT	Develop Energy Insecurity Index (EII)	Geospatial Mapping – Greenlink Stakeholder Assessment Tool
ACTION	Stakeholders & Community Members Initiate Holistic & Sustainable Actions	Several ACTIONS Initiated More ACTIONS! More COMMUNITIES to join

Action Agenda for Maricopa County



This is what we know



Energy insecurity is widespread in Maricopa County



Energy insecurity negatively affects our resident's health and wellbeing



There is a need for long-term sustainable solutions



More cross-sector leadership presence in designing solutions



Residents are motivated to be part of solution



Better policies for healthier and energy secure communities



Mission

“To empower communities and stakeholders to take actions toward energy solutions, including housing and utility affordability, energy and housing efficiency, policy change, and education and awareness.”



Vision

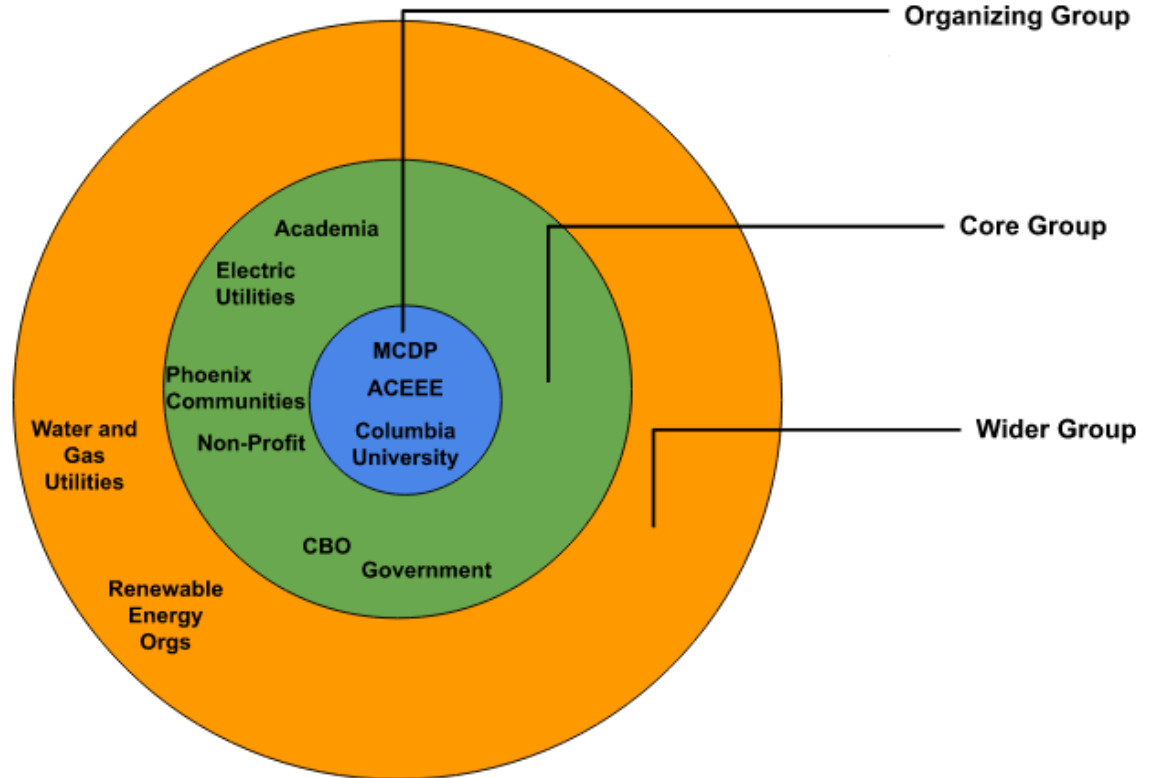
“We envision an energy secure and healthy Maricopa County”

<https://www.maricopa.gov/5723/Energy-Insecurity>

Challenges and Opportunities – Leadership Structure

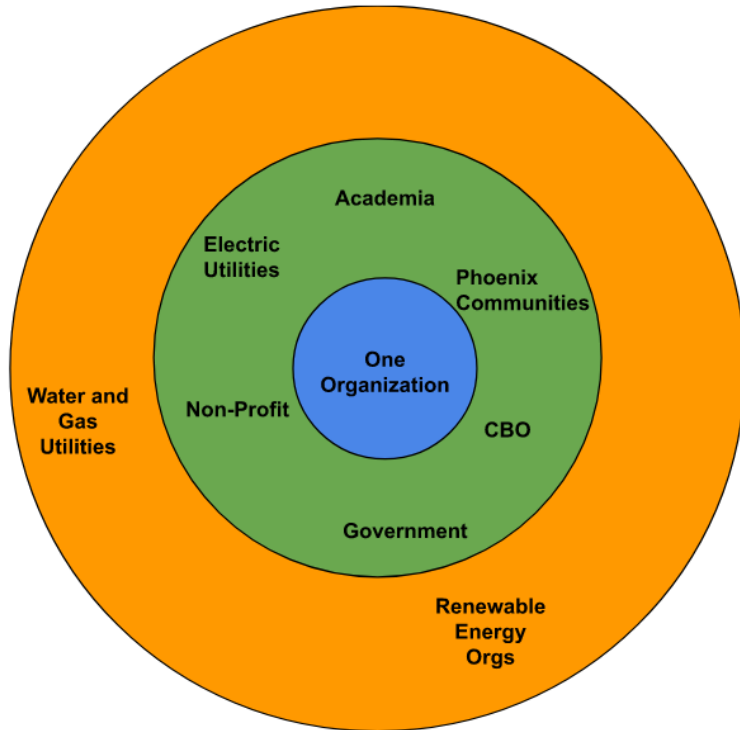
Workgroup Structure

- The organizing group will need member volunteers.
- Neutral parties that are enthusiastic and will maintain momentum are suggested
- There are various different Organizing Group models we can present.

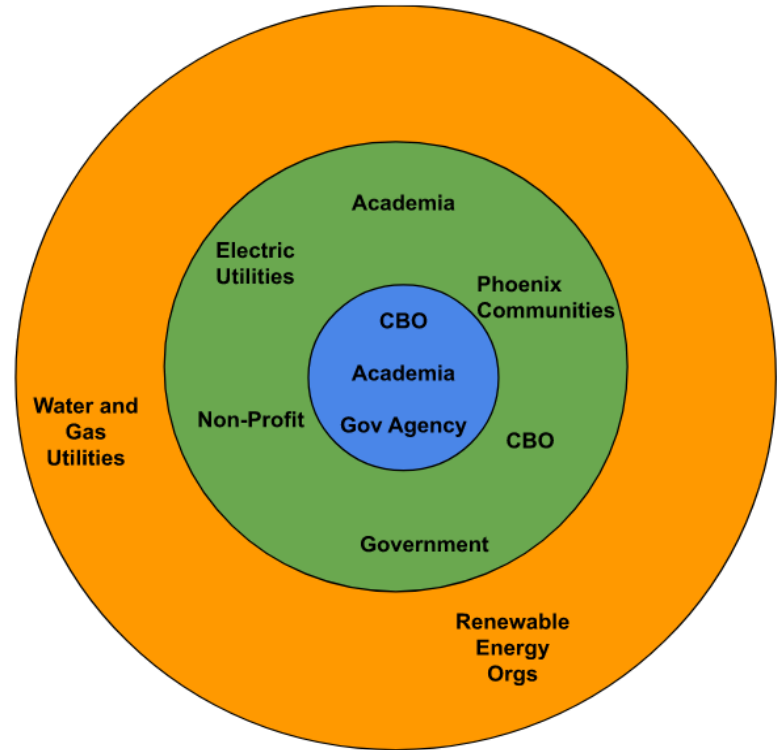


Leadership Framework

Single Organization



Concept of Distributed Leadership



IRL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS

Mobile Home Community in Central Phoenix: **Salud en Balance Community Based Organization (CBO)**

\$6,500: computer, printer, copier, paid electricity for faith-based organization (where their office is located) and remainder of funds was used for household one time incentive

\$45,500

South Phoenix Community: **Unlimited Potential Community Based Organization (CBO)**

\$12,000: Completed 140 Interviews in the community (Incentives for interviews & funds for community health workers)

\$12,000: Train 5 Community Health Workers to become experts on Climate and health including Energy Insecurity (EI).

Goal: Climate and health experts to hold focus groups with community members in 4 cities to discuss EI & another climate challenges

\$15,000: Dissemination of Climate & Health information created in focus groups discussions

Challenges and Opportunities - Funding

- Existing funding has expired so other funding sources are needed.

Possible Funding Solutions

- Maricopa County Grants
- Utility community Grants
- Sweep Community Grants
- Suggestions?



Discussion

1. Is the mission and vision statement still inspirational to you and your work?
2. Do you think that the EI workgroup should continue its work despite funding support and leadership changing?
3. Would you be in favor of :
 - Single organization leadership or
 - Concept of distributed leadership
4. Which combination of distributed leadership do you think would be more effective? Here are some combinations:
 - Public Health, CBO and Academia
 - Academia, CBO, and any other Governmental Agency
 - Academia, CBO, and Utilities
 - Nongovernmental organization, CBO, and Academia
 - Philanthropic organization, CBO, and Academia
 - Other

Thank you!

You will receive a survey following this workshop. Please complete the survey as soon as possible.