



How to Build Your Clean Energy Capital Stack

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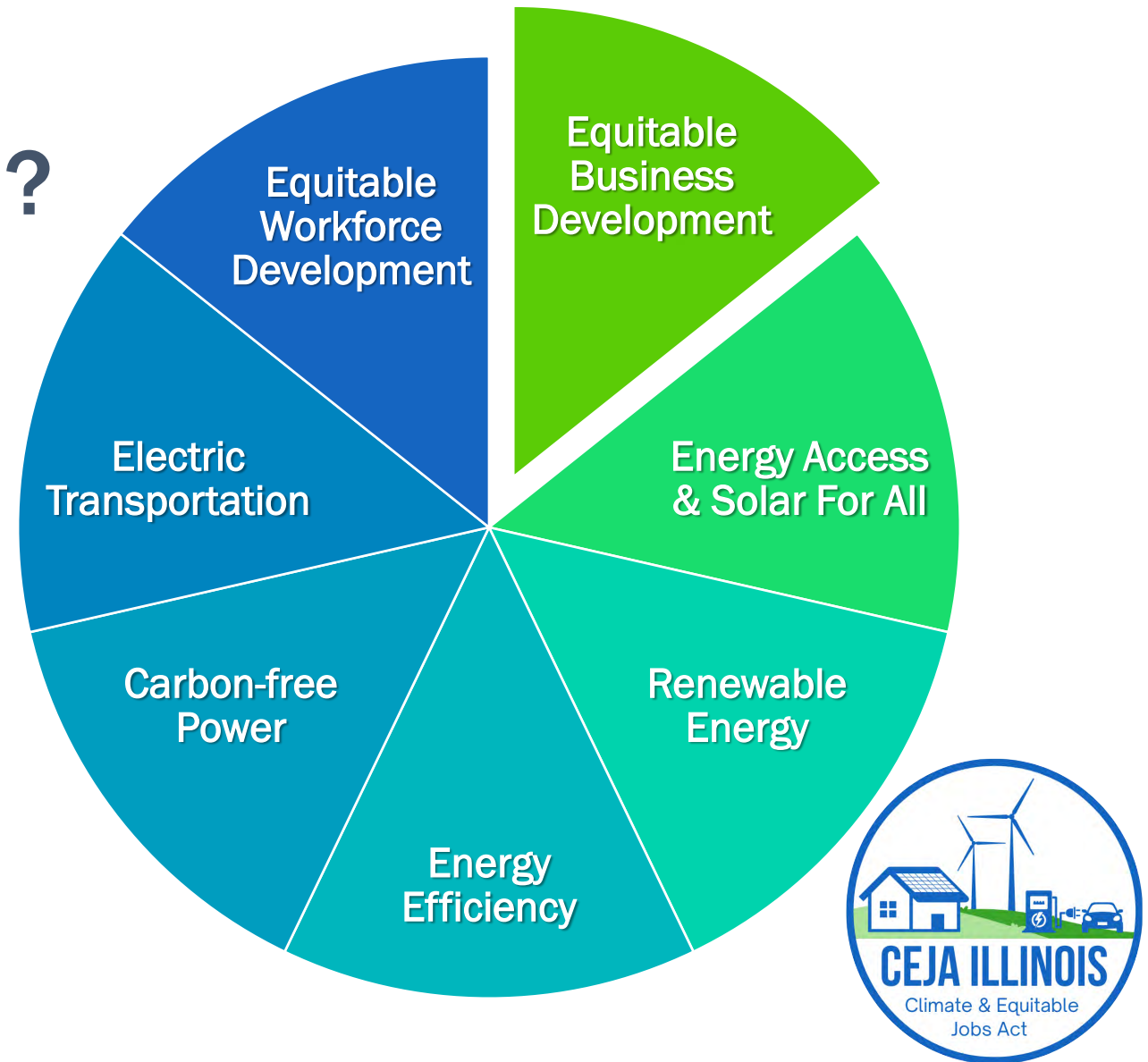
Overview

1. Climate & Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA)
2. Illinois Clean Energy Ecosystem
3. Available DCEO CEJA Programs
4. Building Your Project Capital Stack

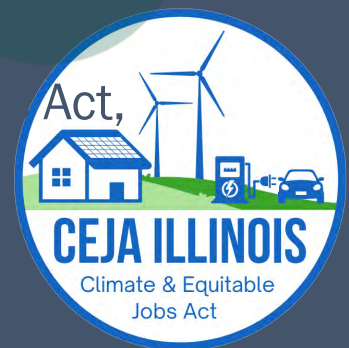


What is the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) ?

Comprehensive energy legislation that centers equity and puts Illinois on track to achieve 100 % renewable energy by 2050.



To provide the highest quality of life for the residents of Illinois and to provide for a clean and healthy environment, it is the policy of this State to rapidly transition to 100% clean energy by 2050.





**When spiders
unite, they can
tie down a lion.**

-Ethiopian Proverb



**What energy industry
projects are you working
on?**



Illinois Clean Energy Ecosystem



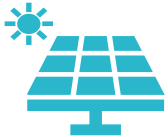
DCEO Clean Energy Programs



Funding Opportunity Currently Open

CEJA Economic & Community Development (\$74M)

Office of Energy & Business Utility (OEBU)



Coal to Solar



Energy Transition
Community Grant
\$40M/yr.



Equitable Energy
Future Grant
Up to \$25.5M/yr.



Solar Energy
Sovereignty Grant
Up to \$8.5M/yr.



CEJA Workforce Training Programs (\$61 M +)

Office of Employment & Training (OET)



Clean Jobs
Workforce Network
\$21M/yr.



Climate Works
Pre-apprenticeship
\$9M/yr.



Energy Transition
Navigators
\$6M/yr.



Returning Resident
Clean Jobs
\$6M/yr.



Energy Transition
Barrier Reduction
\$15M/yr.



Clean Energy Career
Pathway Program
\$4M

CEJA Councils & Boards

Office of Energy & Business Utility (OEBU)



Energy Workforce
Advisory Council



Clean Energy Jobs
& Justice Fund

CEJA Contractor Support Programs (\$30M+)

Office of Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Technology(OEIT)



Contractor
Incubator
\$21M/yr.



Contractor
Primes Accelerator
\$9M/yr.

Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA)

OET



FEJA Workforce
Training Program

Clean Energy Funding Opportunities



DCEO CEJA

- [CEJA Workforce Training Programs \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- [Contractor programs](#)
- [Community economic development programs](#)
- [Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois Act \(REV\)- Manufacturing](#)
- [Clean Energy Jobs & Justice Fund](#)

Illinois Power Agency

- [Illinois Shines](#)
- [IL Solar For All](#)
- [Energy Equity Portal:](#)
- [Min. Equity Standard](#)
- [Utility Scale Procurement](#)

Illinois Commerce Commission

- [Equitable Energy Upgrade Program \(illinois.gov\)](#)

Illinois Dept. of Transportation

- [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#)
- [Carbon Reduction Program](#)
- [Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality](#)
- [Competitive Freight-Port Infrastructure](#)

Illinois Housing Authority

- [Energy Efficiency Program](#)
- [Green Resilient Retrofit Program](#)

Federal Programs

- [Ride and Drive Electric](#)
- [IRA,*](#)

Illinois Finance Authority

- [IL Climate Bank Finance \(CBF\)](#)
- [C-PACE](#)
- [GRID: muni. utility/rural coops,](#)
- [Funding and Financing Resources](#)
- [State Small Bus. Credit Initiative](#)
- [Charging & Fueling Infra.](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Reduction](#)
- [Solar For All/Energy Sovereignty Loan](#)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

- [Energy Codes Training](#)
- [EE Trust Fund](#)
- [Electric Vehicle Rebate](#)
- [Electric School Bus](#)
- [Energy Assessments](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Variety](#)
- [EE Contractor Training](#)

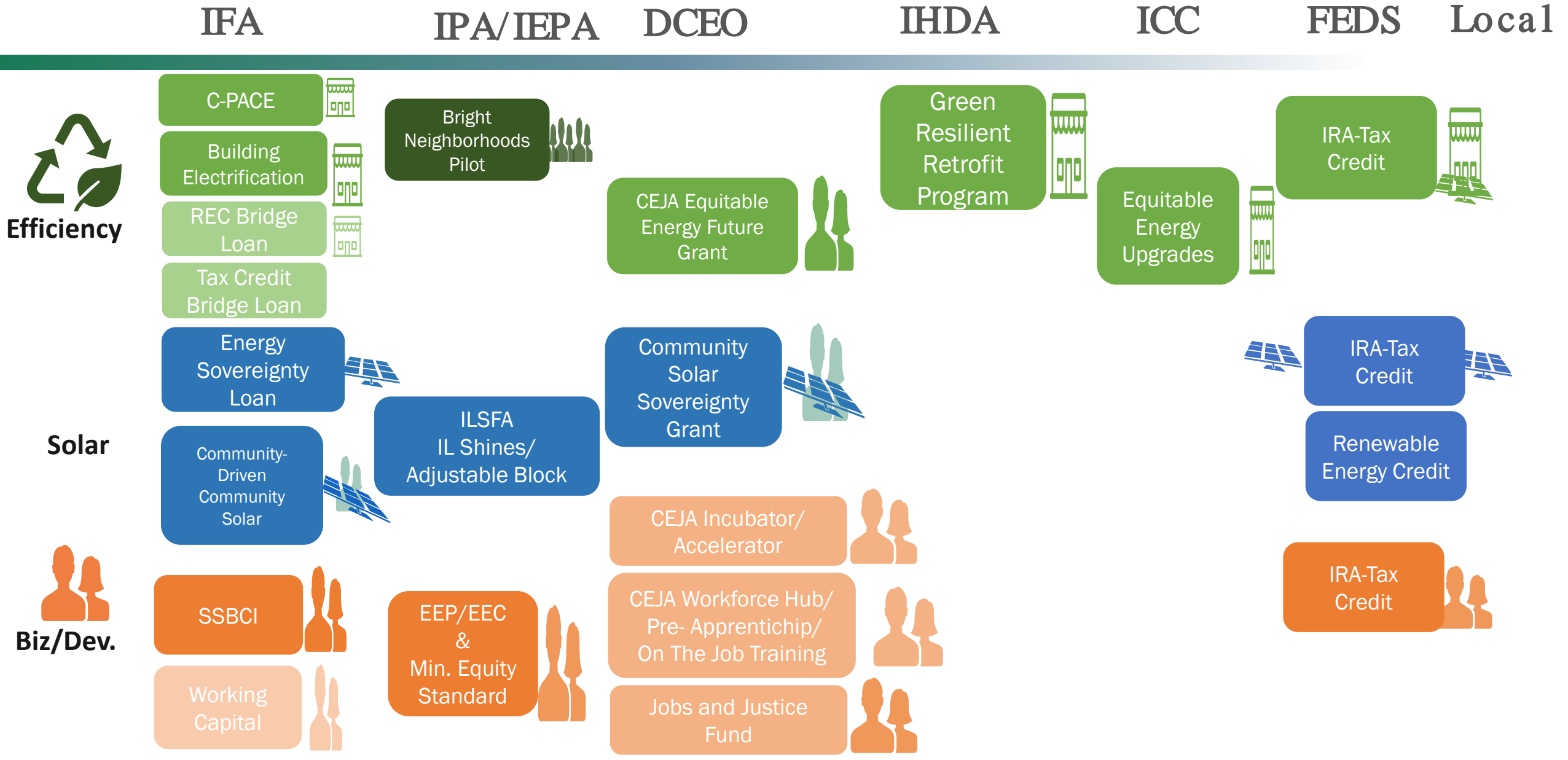
Illinois Community College Board

- [IAC Program: Clean Energy Build/Manufacturing Workforce](#)

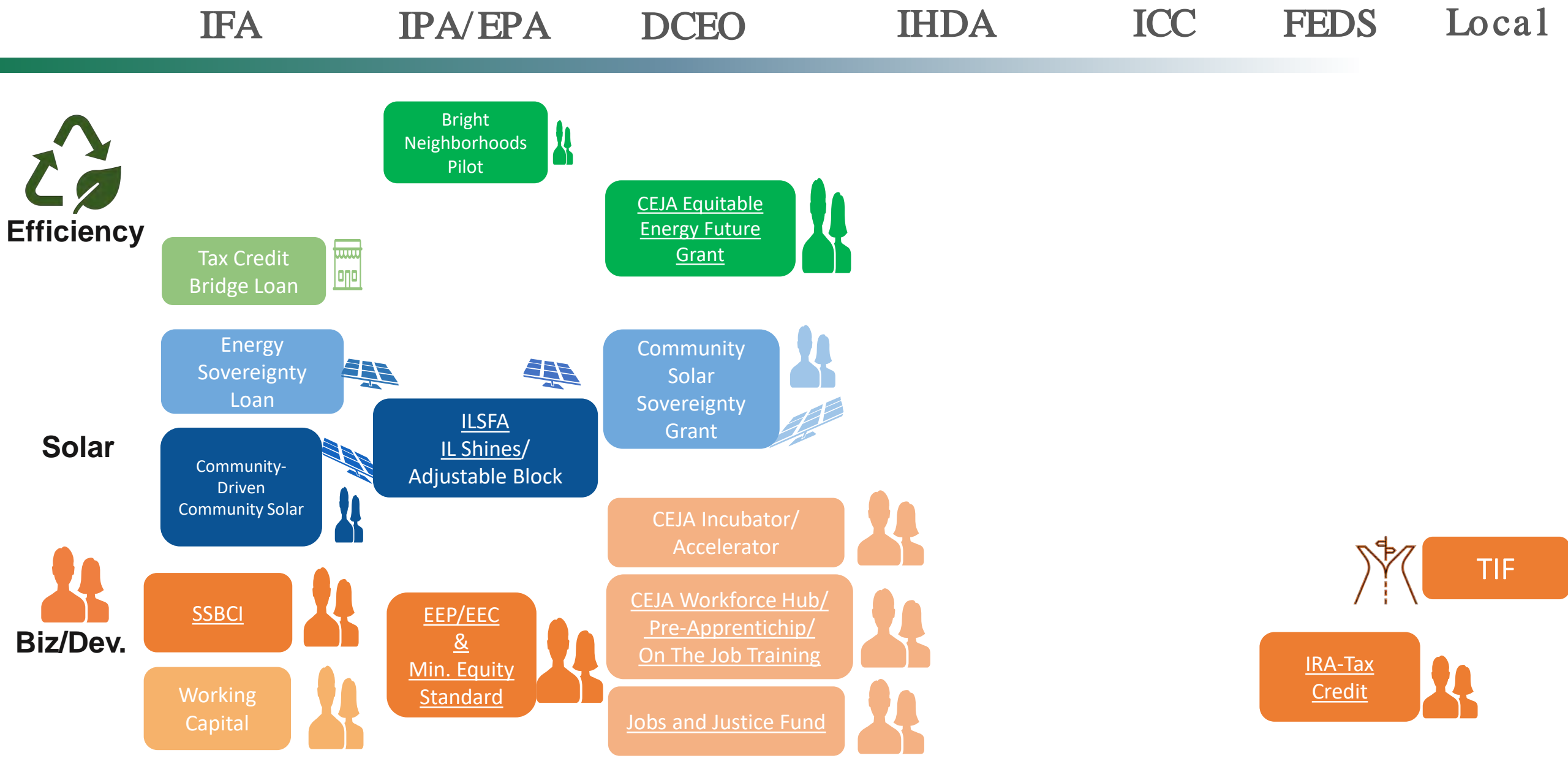
Capital Dev. Board

- [Stretch Goals](#)

Project Scenario: Non-profit organization, Net Zero/Near Net Zero Retrofit, located in and/or serves EJ/R3/DAC, mixed use commercial/residential building with market rate and low-income tenants



Project Scenario: Business with renovation/construction of an energy efficiency and solar dev.





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