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University & Community Partnership towards Sustainability

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Social Work Community Outreach
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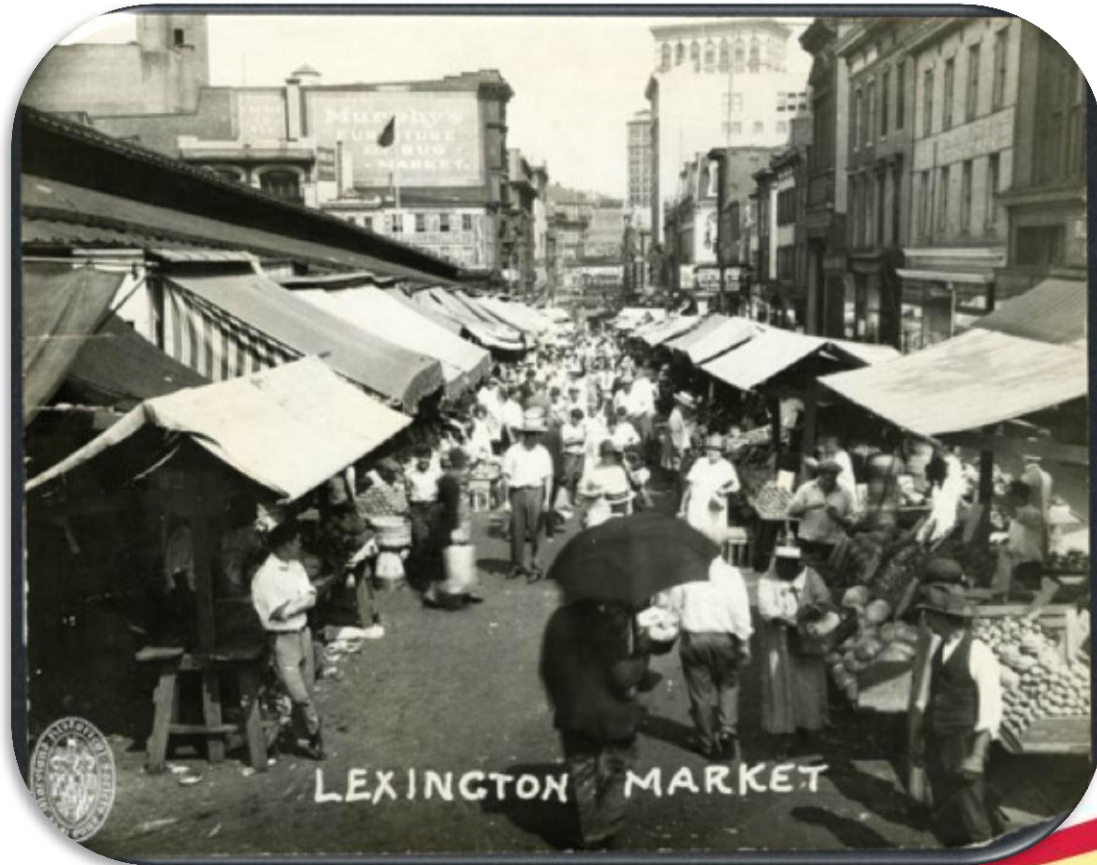
Our Goal



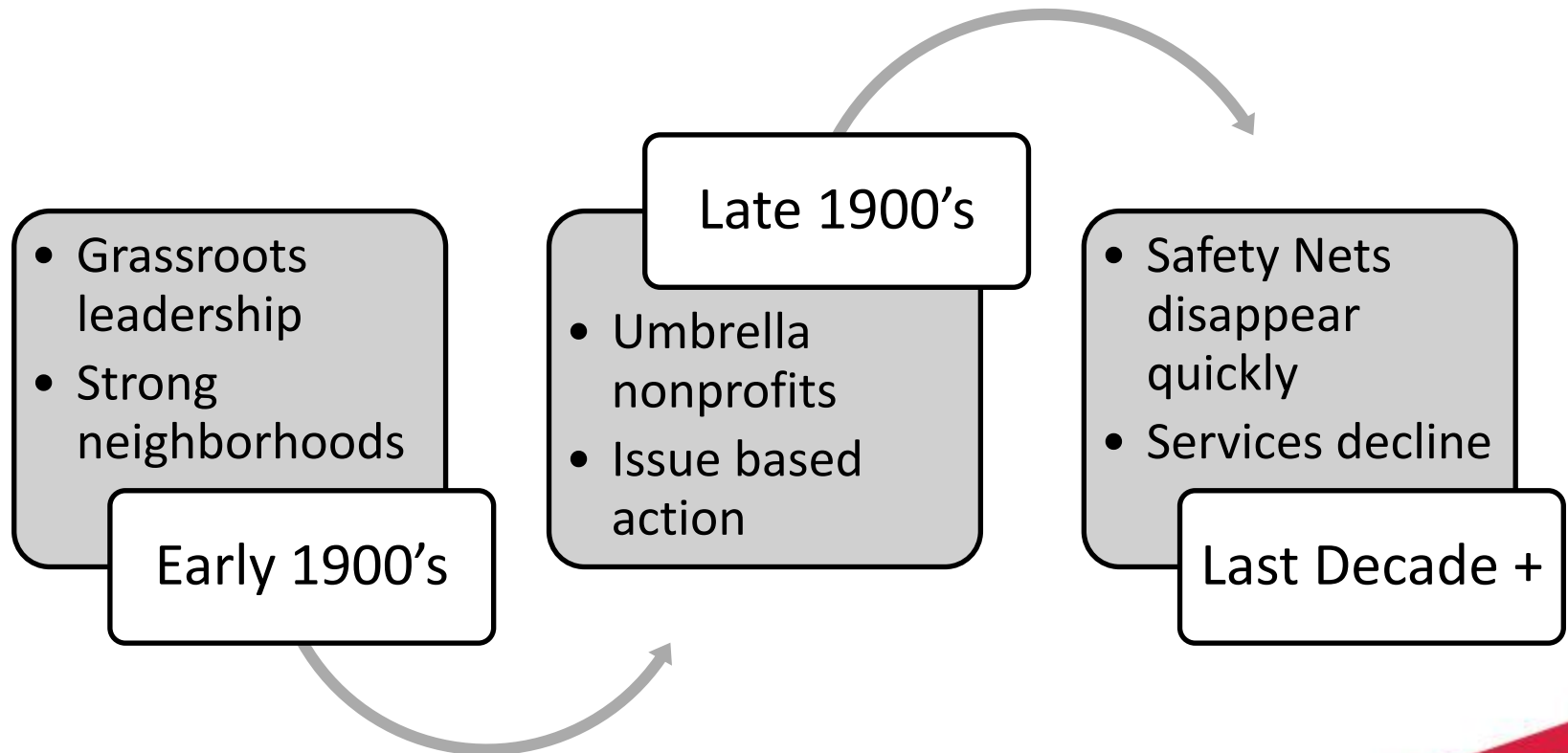
Rebuild the dwindling capacities of Baltimore's historically strong community-based organizations

Background

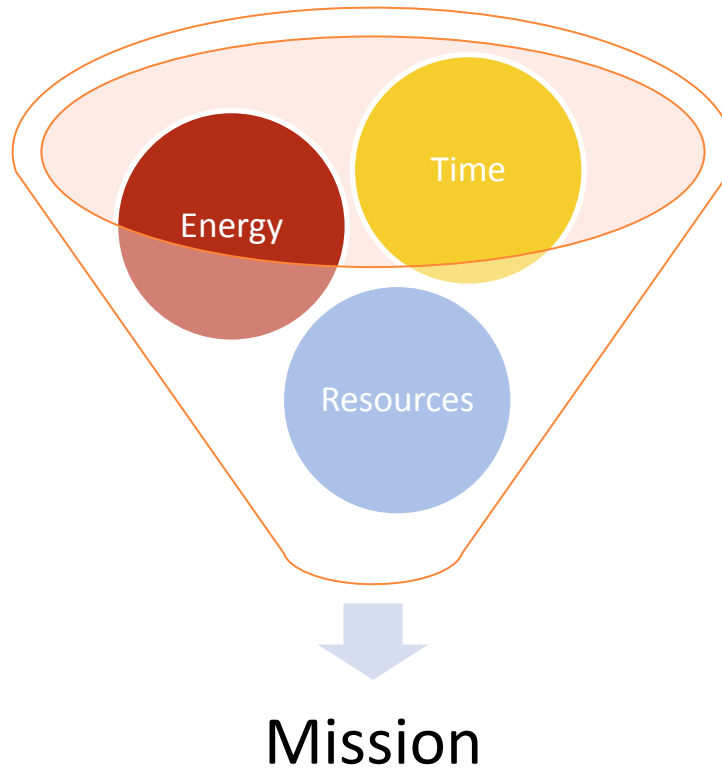
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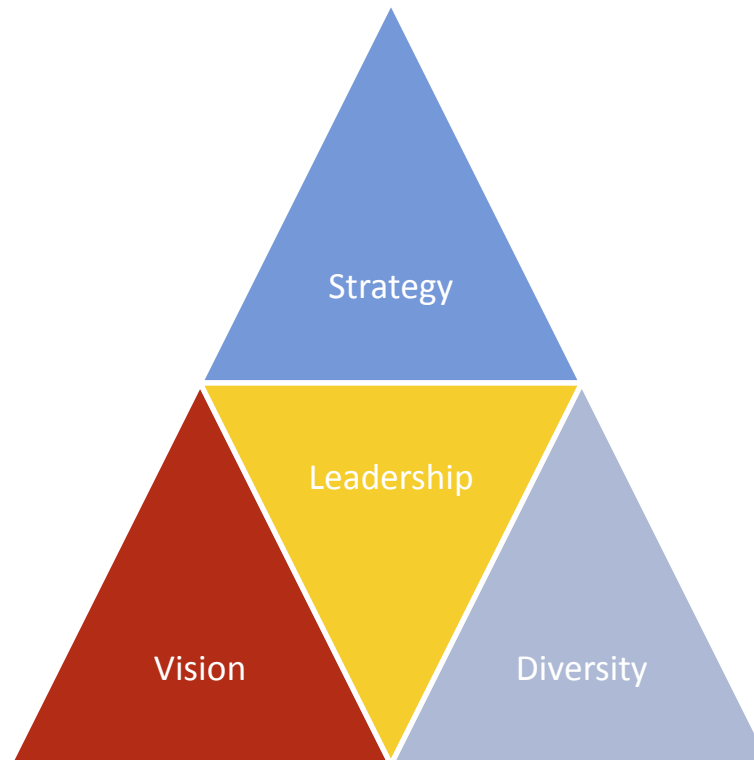
Historical Trends



Why do they disappear?



Need Solid Foundation



Lack of Infrastructure = Vulnerability to Major Shifts



Changes in Leadership, Funding Sources, Constituent Base

Our Response: SWCOS



Help Plugging Leaks: Funding



Accessible Operating Support

Matching Grants

Community Organizing Endowments

Help Plugging Leaks: Leadership



Help Plugging Leaks: Awareness



Democracy rests on the ability of citizens to **organize and mobilize**.

Grassroots organizations serve a **critical function** in this mobilization.

Questions

- What are other ways we can plug the leaks?
- How might you assist this effort?



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