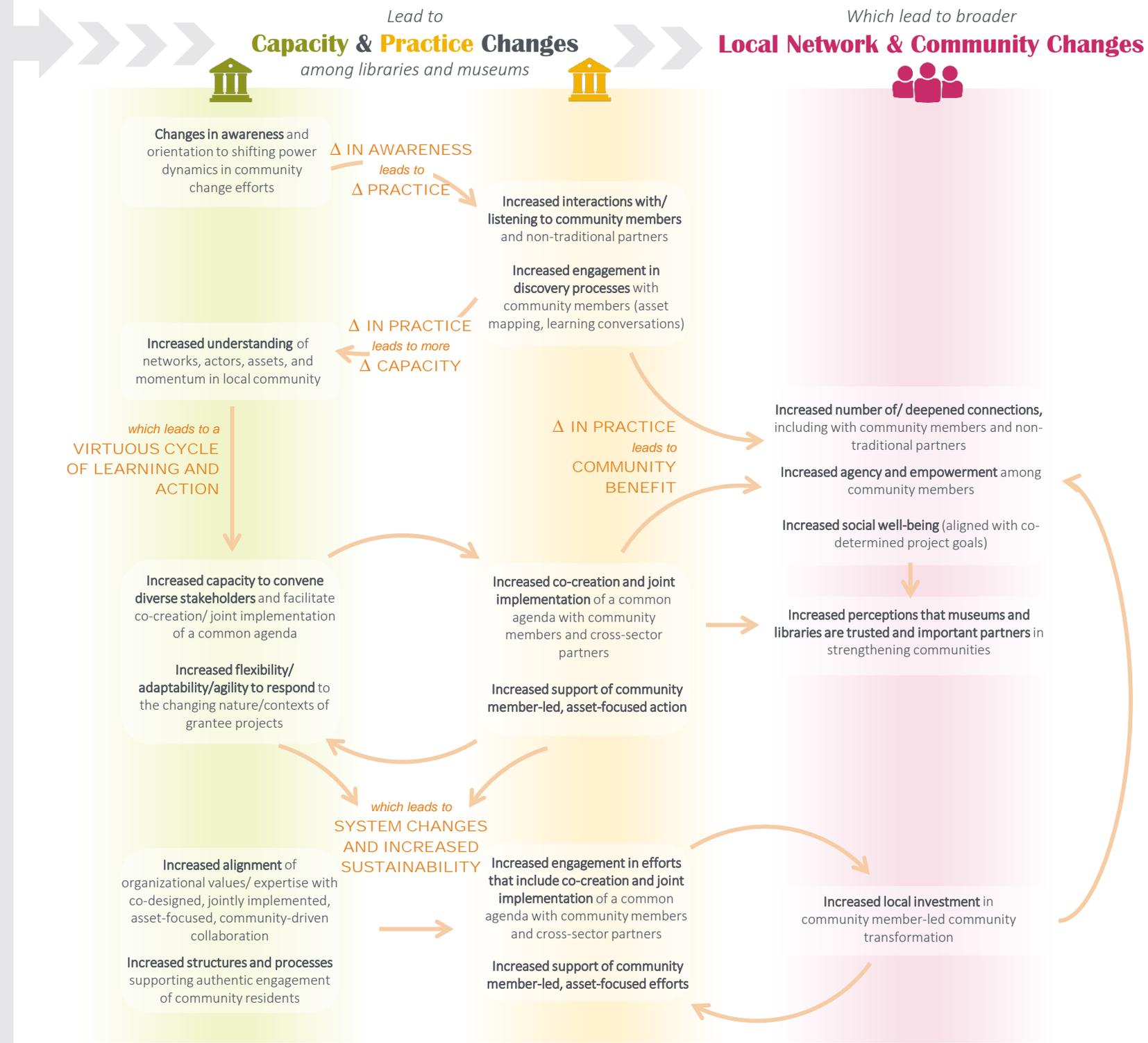# Strategies
for
Community Catalyst Initiative

Support
Test of Capacity-Building Models within Diverse Cohorts *of Museums, Libraries or other Institutional Partners*

- Models with universal applicability and best potential for sustainability
- Grants to support local projects
- Third party capacity builder to provide training and technical assistance
- Additional information, resources, technical assistance, and support
- Convene and facilitate peer learning networks within grantee cohorts
- Support local project evaluation and data-based reflection/course correction

Support
Learning and Diffusion of Best Practices
Among Museum and Library Sectors and Investors in Community Change

- Fund cohort-level and cross-grantee evaluation by independent evaluation partner
- Disseminate best practices, tools, and lessons learned throughout grantee networks, IMLS, and nationally

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Lead to
Capacity & Practice Changes
among libraries and museums

Which lead to broader
Local Network & Community Changes

Changes in awareness and orientation to shifting power dynamics in community change efforts

Δ IN AWARENESS
leads to
Δ PRACTICE

Increased interactions with/ listening to community members and non-traditional partners

Increased engagement in discovery processes with community members (asset mapping, learning conversations)

Δ IN PRACTICE
leads to more
Δ CAPACITY

Increased understanding of networks, actors, assets, and momentum in local community

which leads to a
VIRTUOUS CYCLE OF LEARNING AND ACTION

Δ IN PRACTICE
leads to
COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Increased number of/ deepened connections, including with community members and non-traditional partners

Increased agency and empowerment among community members

Increased social well-being (aligned with co-determined project goals)

Increased capacity to convene diverse stakeholders and facilitate co-creation/ joint implementation of a common agenda

Increased co-creation and joint implementation of a common agenda with community members and cross-sector partners

Increased perceptions that museums and libraries are trusted and important partners in strengthening communities

Increased flexibility/ adaptability/agility to respond to the changing nature/contexts of grantee projects

Increased support of community member-led, asset-focused action

which leads to
SYSTEM CHANGES AND INCREASED SUSTAINABILITY

Increased alignment of organizational values/ expertise with co-designed, jointly implemented, asset-focused, community-driven collaboration

Increased engagement in efforts that include co-creation and joint implementation of a common agenda with community members and cross-sector partners

Increased local investment in community member-led community transformation

Increased structures and processes supporting authentic engagement of community residents

Increased support of community member-led, asset-focused efforts

Museums and libraries are well-supported to innovate and continuously learn

Communities strive and thrive