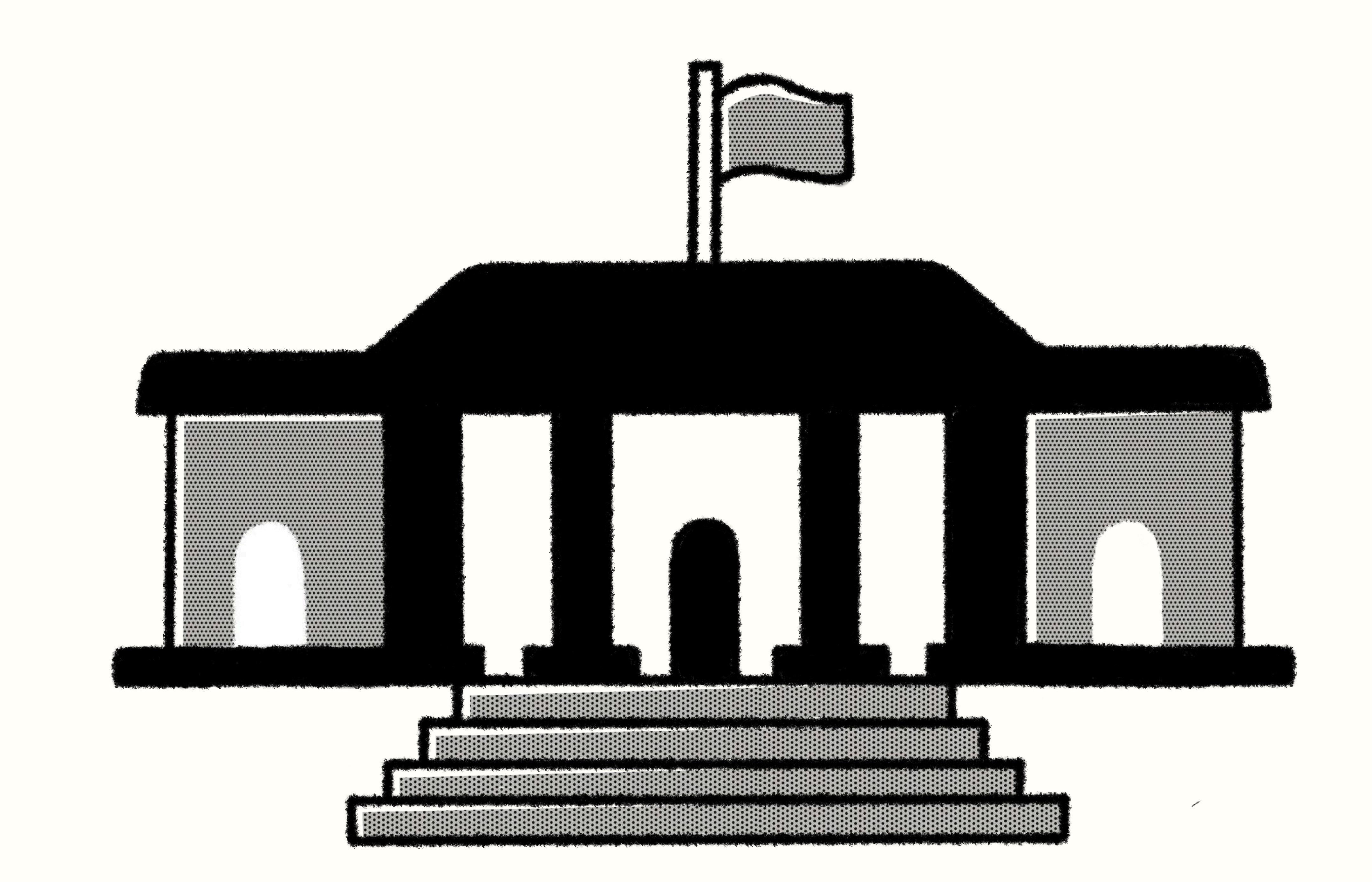
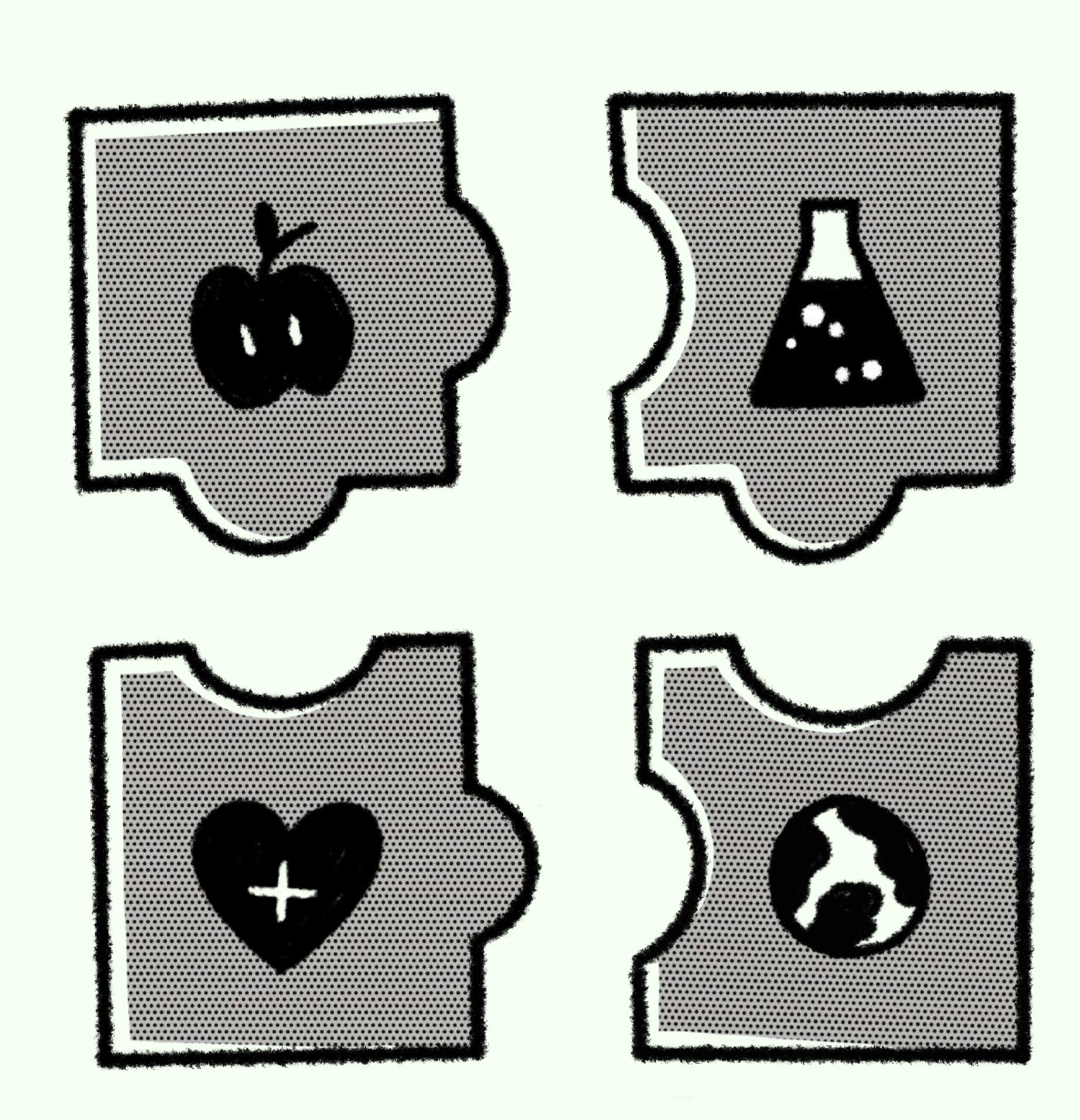
Build a career in State & Local Government

Use your STEM background to serve your community with purpose-driven work in the public sector.



Of Discover Your Path

State and local governments offer thousands of roles across various fields: education, infrastructure, environment, data science, healthcare, and more.



02 Consider Fellowships

Policy fellowships offer a pathway into government. Explore ESAL's Fellowship Guide, and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) listings.

03 Building Connections

Use ESAL's <u>Local STEM Database</u> and <u>Local Engagement Map</u> to find professionals and organizations in your region, city or state.

ACTION: VOLUNTEER & ATTEND LOCAL MEETINGS. ASK FOR INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS WITH CIVIC LEADERS.

O4 Prepare to Apply

Customize your resume/cover letter to reflect language in job descriptions. Link your STEM background to the agency's mission and take civil service exams.

TIP: USE CITY, COUNTY OR STATE CAREER SITE RESOURCES. ASK A CLOSE MENTOR TO REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION.

KEY TAKEWAYS

- Local government needs technical expertise—your background is a strength.
- Many roles don't require prior policy experience—just a willingness to learn.
- Stay proactive. Various opportunities often come through consistent engagement.

