



**Partners for Places Grant Program
2019 Investment Summary**

Fund Overview. [Partners for Places](#) is a matching grant program designed to improve U.S. and Canadian communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability leaders and place-based foundations. National funders invest in local projects developed through these partnerships to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and well-being for all residents. The program is housed at the Funders’ Network (TFN), which has legal and fiduciary responsibility for its management. Since 2012, TFN and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) have worked closely with a group of national funders and USDN members to develop, shape, and implement the Partners for Places grant program. During this time, Partners for Places has funded 122 projects with a total investment of \$7,132,980.

2019 Grant Program. Partners for Places awards are determined by a Selection Committee comprised of local practitioners, foundation investors, and TFN’s director of programs. 2019 committee members are as follows:

- Emma-Louise Anderson, national funder from the Seed Fund; San Francisco, CA
- Lee Hayes Byron, Sustainability Director; Sarasota County, FL
- Laurel Creech, Sustainability Director; Nashville, TN
- Larry Falkin, Sustainability Director; Cincinnati, OH
- Dan Guilbeault, Sustainability Coordinator; Washington, D.C.
- Diane Ives, Kendeda Fund; Washington, D.C.
- Chase Jones, Energy Conservation Coordinator; Missoula, MT
- Shubhada Kampli, Sustainability Coordinator; Hartford, CT
- Julie Rosenbach, Sustainability Director; South Portland, ME
- Ann Fowler Wallace, TFN; Boston, MA
- Darryl Young, Summit Foundation; Washington, D.C.

2019 Awards. In 2019, Partners for Places made 11 awards in its two general grant rounds. The total 2019 fund investment is \$806,290. Of this amount, \$297,500 supports Green Stormwater Infrastructure projects and \$508,790 supports general awards. In the spring 2019 funding round 14, five awards were made, shown in Table 1. Six awards were also made in the fall 2019 funding round 15, shown in Table 2.

Table 1. 2019 Round 14 Partners for Places Program Awards.

Spring 2019 Round 14 Grants			
Project Description	Amount	Lead City	Foundation Partners
To create a community-wide transition plan to 100 percent clean and renewable electricity that prioritizes resiliency, energy security, and green jobs for Clevelanders most in need.	\$50,000	Cleveland, OH	The Cleveland Foundation (\$25,000); The George Gund Foundation (\$25,000); United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland (\$4,000)
To identify and ultimately remove barriers to achieving affordable, resilient net-zero homes.	\$125,000	Evanston, IL	The Chicago Community Trust (\$100,000); Evanston Community Foundation (\$25,000)



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To promote equity and sustainability in Milwaukee Public Schools with natural schoolyards and outdoor classrooms, green infrastructure, and a new sustainability project specialist. <i>(Green Stormwater Infrastructure project)</i>	\$75,000	Milwaukee, WI	Fund for Lake Michigan (\$123,750)
To establish a training and jobs placement program for residents to access green stormwater infrastructure construction, inspection, and maintenance opportunities. <i>(Green Stormwater Infrastructure project)</i>	\$110,000	Newark, NJ	CareerWorks: Greater Newark Workforce Funders Collaborative (\$85,000); Victoria Foundation (\$25,000)
To build community voice and action among communities in Southeast San Diego in implementation of the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan.	\$73,790	San Diego, CA	The San Diego Foundation (\$75,000)

Table 2. 2019 Round 15 Partners for Places Program Awards.

Fall 2019 Round 15 Grants			
Project Description	Amount	Lead City	Foundation Partners
To create the nation's largest and Atlanta's first publicly-owned food forest to deliver environmental, economic, and social justice outcomes for the local community.	\$35,000	Atlanta, GA	Turner Foundation (\$35,000)
To ensure vulnerable multi-family affordable housing, which is home to some of Boston's most socially and economically underserved residents, is ready to withstand future climate shocks.	\$50,000	Boston, MA	Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Boston (\$50,000)
To build an equitable and sustainable Bridgeport Waterfront and support a community-based vision to address climate impacts, strengthen local economies, and improve the well-being of all residents. <i>(Green Stormwater Infrastructure project)</i>	\$72,500	Bridgeport, CT	Jeniam Foundation (\$32,500); Long Island Sound Funders Collaborative (\$40,000)
To address intersectional housing issues by empowering and equipping limited income homeowners to address lead hazards, energy inefficacy, and other home repair needs.	\$100,000	Detroit, MI	The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation (\$100,000)
To transform an abandoned roadway, in an underserved community, into a community greenspace with green infrastructure connecting an urban community to parkland and the river. <i>(Green Stormwater Infrastructure project)</i>	\$40,000	New Haven, CT	The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven (\$30,000); The Watershed Fund (\$10,000)
To develop a comprehensive citywide urban agriculture plan that will guide the coordinated efforts of city, non-profit, and resident stakeholders to better protect, maintain, and expand community gardens, farms, and orchards.	\$75,000	Philadelphia, PA	William Penn Foundation (\$150,000)