

**Peer Learning Exchange Grant Program
2018 Annual Report**

Fund Overview. The Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) Peer Learning Exchange (PLE) program receives support from the Summit Foundation and The JPB Foundation. Since 2013, the fund has allowed USDN members to meet in person with their peers to share learnings from one or more practices, policies, or programs. Members use the fund to convene for: (1) in-depth exchanges; (2) best practice disseminations; and (3) peer reviews. Proposals are solicited through a quarterly RFP process. As of December 2018, the USDN PLE grant program has awarded \$245,488 to fund 53 exchanges.

2018 Grant Program. A volunteer committee of USDN members has guided the evolution of this grant program and manages the awards selection process. 2018 committee members are as follows:

- Ashley Krug – Springfield, MO
- Christine Knapp – Philadelphia, PA
- Kristopher Stenger - Winter Park, FL
- Lisa LaRocque - Las Cruces, NM (*co-chair*)
- Mark Bekkering – Toronto, ON, Canada
- Robyn Eason - West Hollywood, CA (*co-chair*)

2018 Awards. In 2018, PLE awarded \$54,151 in grants to support 8 in-person exchanges for participants from member communities, shown in Table 1. PLE products are available on USDN.org website [here](#).

Table 1. 2018 Peer Learning Exchange Awards.

Exchange Title	Amount	Participants
Electric Vehicle Curbside Charging Exchange	\$7,000	Berkeley, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Portland, OR; Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; Santa Monica, CA; Seattle, WA; Vancouver, BC; West Hollywood, CA
Compare Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Programs Exchange	\$6,348	Plano, TX; San Jose, CA; Santa Monica, CA; Vancouver, BC
Equity in Energy Transformation Exchange	\$7,000	Burlington, VT; Calgary, AB; Edmonton, AB; Halifax, NS; Mississauga, ON; Montreal, QC; New Westminster, BC; North Vancouver, BC; Ottawa, ON; Saanich, BC; Saskatoon, SK; Surrey, BC; Toronto, ON; Vancouver, BC; Victoria, BC; Winnipeg, MB
Building Electrification Exchange	\$6,630	Alameda County, CA; Berkeley, CA; Marin County, CA; Novato, CA; Richmond, VA; Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; Santa Monica, CA; Walnut Creek, CA; West Hollywood, CA
USDN Members of Color Group Exchange	\$6,321	Boston, MA; Denver, CO; Douglas County, KS; Evanston, IL; San Antonio, TX; Seattle, WA
Equity Lens in Carbon Neutrality Exchange	\$7,000	Providence, RI; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC
Rental Energy Efficiency Standards Exchange	\$6,852	Cambridge, MA; Columbia, MO; Dearborn, MI; Denver, CO; Seattle, WA; Somerville, MA
Single Use Plastics Exchange	\$7,000	Alameda County, CA; Berkeley, CA; Marin County, CA; Novato, CA; Richmond, VA; Sacramento, CA; San Francisco, CA; Santa Monica, CA; Walnut Creek, CA; West Hollywood, CA