Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

Project Name: Bend Community Climate Action Planning Initiative

- Year Complete: 2019
- Local Government: City of Bend, OR
- Local Foundation: The Oregon Community Foundation

Project Purpose

To engage diverse stakeholders to co-create a community climate action plan (C-CAP) with innovative strategies that balance equity, efficiency and meaningful climate benefits.

Key Lessons Learned

Lessons learned about tools and tactics through the project that other sustainability directors could use to advance their work.

This project highlighted some key lessons that may be useful for other communities:

1) There needs to be a practical framework to guide C-CAP development
2) There is a need for new approaches to climate action planning in communities without unanimous political support (“purple cities”)
3) There is a need for new tools and documentation of experiences with an equity lens
4) The City Council valued feedback in the form of statistically valid surveying over open response tools. This took planning to get a representative group of responses from the community.

Additional Information and Resources

The City of Bend was awarded a Partners for Places Round 13 award to continue the development of the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). More information on the progress of the plan can be found here.