

## 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**

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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**

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*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**

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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](#).