

THE KRESGE FOUNDATION



CLIMATE RESILIENCE &
URBAN OPPORTUNITY
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

*Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative Grantee Convening
May 2-4, 2016 | Chicago, IL
Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile*

What Kresge grantees said:

“I want to give acknowledgment to Kresge for their long-term process. How we resource organizations is essential for the movement to be centered on those most impacted by climate change.”

--- Rebecca Saldaña, executive director, Puget Sound Sage

“I think the event was just about as perfect as is humanly possible to achieve. I learned more in those three days than in any event I can remember.”

--- Steve Adams, resilient cities and regions director, Institute for Sustainable Communities

“We are all growing in this work together. There are many within city government who weren’t thinking about integrating community-led priorities or putting equity front and center five years ago, but they are now, largely because they are connecting with many of you in this room.”

--- Garrett Fitzgerald, strategic partnerships advisor, Urban Sustainability Directors Network

“I was humbled by the amount of passion and talent in the room, and had some of the most interesting and productive conversations of my career with the other grantees. It was an incredibly rewarding experience.”

--- Lexi Brewer, sustainable development program manager, Futurewise

“Although I have been doing this work for years, this is the first time I was able to see the movement from a holistic viewpoint, mainly one that is led by communities of color like ours. To say I came home inspired is an understatement.”

--- Danny Peralta, executive managing director, The Point CDC

“At the heart of it, there are no throw away people and no throw away places. If we are able to bring our relationships with each other as human beings into balance through equity and social cohesion, then all of the technical things required for climate change adaptation and mitigation become possible. If we are not able to do these two things, the technical things required for climate change adaptation and mitigation fail.”

--- Taj James, executive director, Movement Strategy Center

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