



Discussion Summary

Participants engaged in collaborative breakout discussions on how their organizations are advancing climate action while addressing affordability, and identified opportunities for continued coordination and resource sharing.

Participants shared a wide range of **current organizational efforts** that integrate climate action with affordability considerations, including:

- Implementation of local climate action plans and state-mandated programs, often with limited or no dedicated funding.
- Expansion of electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, including charger installation and fleet electrification, as well as sustainable, people-centered transportation initiatives.
- Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs offering competitive rates and renewable energy options, such as solar and biomass.
- Tree planting, fruit tree distribution, and tree care education.
- Creation of green spaces and neighborhood revitalization projects.
- Development of resilience hubs and community centers.
- Climate and sustainability education programs at community colleges.
- Workforce development initiatives focused on green jobs and career pathways.
- Efforts to advance affordable housing development in coordination with climate goals.

Key Themes

- ★ **Continued Collaboration:** Participants emphasized the importance of maintaining momentum beyond the workshop by creating consistent opportunities for engagement and shared learning.
- ★ **Need for Accessible Tools & Resources:** Participants expressed desire for:
 - A centralized hub of vetted resources
 - Project evaluation tools that incorporate affordability impacts
 - Outreach toolkits with culturally relevant and accessible language
- ★ **Community-Centered Approaches:** Participants shared the following values:
 - Outreach should “meet people where they are” with clear, not overly-technical language.
 - Community organizations play a vital role and should be actively supported and included.
 - Affordability should be a priority consideration in program design and implementation.
- ★ **Greater alignment** is needed across agencies, sectors, and jurisdictions.
 - Include rural and smaller communities
 - Connect technical work with on-the-ground implementation.
 - Avoid duplication of efforts and competition among partners for the same funding sources.



Collaboration Opportunities Identified

- ★ **Joint grant applications** (such as Proposition 4 funding) to increase competitiveness
- ★ Aligning project proposals with shared [guiding principles](#)
- ★ **Shared Tools & Resources**
 - Creation of a centralized, web-based resource hub
 - Project evaluation tools with affordability metrics
 - Communication materials with community-vetted language
- ★ **Ongoing Engagement & Collaboration Sessions**
 - Regular brainstorming sessions and information exchange
 - Showcasing member projects
 - Peer-to-peer learning on effective strategies
- ★ **Workforce & Education Partnerships**
 - Collaboration with community colleges for internships and research opportunities
 - Identification of workforce needs for climate and sustainability jobs
 - Expansion of training pipelines into green jobs