Discussion Guide

1. SHARE EXPERIENCE. What’s your relationship to grassroots philanthropy? With climate-focused community projects? What is the experience (personal or professional; as a funder or as a participant) that you bring into the room? (10 minutes)

2. THINK + WRITE. Think about your experience with community projects. Think about 1-2 specific projects you’ve been involved with. What are the characteristics of a successful grassroots / community project? Identify 3 characteristics and write these down: characteristics of the project itself or of the relationship between funder and project. (5 minutes)

3. COMPARE NOTES. What kinds of grassroots projects are most effective? As a group share what you wrote for question #2. What of your characteristics from #2 carry over? What are gaps / opportunities not realized in previous projects? (15 minutes)

4. REFLECT BACK. What should funders be doing to better support or better identify these kinds of grassroots climate projects? What resources / experience / ideas do we have here that we can take away to better do this work? (15 minutes)

GROUP DEBRIEF. (10 minutes)