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## The Kresge Foundation and Second Nature Join to Support West Coast Resilience Planning

BOSTON (Sept. 27, 2016)– Boston-based nonprofit Second Nature is proud to announce that The Kresge Foundation has recently awarded them a grant of over \$400,000 to work directly with six campuses and their community partners in three cities in the western United States to increase climate resilience. The new grant-supported initiative, Climate Resilience in Urban Campuses + Communities (CRUX), will focus on Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Portland.

CRUX is a multi-city partnership created to pilot the implementation of the resilience-related elements of Second Nature's newly launched Climate Commitment, a public commitment to climate neutrality and resilience made by higher education leaders. The CRUX project supports campus/community task forces for resilience planning in these three cities, and will learn from these collaborations as they introduce resilience planning frameworks and complete resilience capacity assessments. The lessons learned in the process will facilitate a nationally scalable strategy to increase climate resilience between campuses and communities.

The Climate Commitment is one of three commitments by higher education leaders to addresses climate change and resilience. Together, these commitments are known as the [Climate Leadership Commitments](#). The more than 600 signatories of these Commitments comprise the Climate Leadership Network, which spans every state and the District of Columbia.

Institutions participating in CRUX include:

### Los Angeles

- California State University, Northridge
- Los Angeles Valley College
- Northridge Vision
- Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council

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## Phoenix

- Arizona State University
- South Mountain Community College
- Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona

## Portland

- Portland State University
- Mt. Hood Community College
- Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association
- City of Gresham
- City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Other partners include the [Coalition of Urban Serving Universities](#) (USU) and the New Knowledge Organization.

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### About Second Nature

Second Nature works to proactively build a sustainable and positive global future through initiating bold commitments, scaling successful actions, and accelerating innovative solutions among leadership networks in higher education. The Climate Leadership Commitments are a signature program of Second Nature and include a Carbon Commitment (focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions), a Resilience Commitment (focused on climate adaptation and building community capacity), and a Climate Commitment that integrates both. The Climate Leadership Network comprises more than 600 colleges and universities in every state and the District of Columbia who have committed to take action on climate and prepare students through research and education to solve the challenges of the 21st century. Learn more at: [secondnature.org](http://secondnature.org).

### About The Kresge Foundation

The Kresge Foundation is a \$3.6 billion private, national foundation that works to expand opportunities in America's cities through grantmaking and social investing in arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, and community development in Detroit. In 2015, the Board of Trustees approved 370 grants totaling \$125.2 million, and nine social investment commitments totaling \$20.3 million. For more information, visit [kresge.org](http://kresge.org).

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