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In the face of an escalating climate crisis, Oregon communities need trusted gathering places that are equipped to support community members during extreme weather events and other disasters. This was made apparent in my Portland neighborhood during last year's ice storm. Extreme cold, power outages, downed trees and power lines, and icy roads left neighbors reliant on each other for basic needs. A resource hub would help my community provide its members the support and resources needed during a situation like this. It would be a welcome place to build community, serve needs, and create local partnerships on a day to day basis as well. Now more than ever, Oregon should support community-led climate adaptations like resilience hubs.