Phase	What works well?	What is challenging?	What is missing?
Phase 1: Generate Ideas and Dialogue	Engage the community in conversation Identify the value proposition, common ground, shared values Have a core group of dedicated people to lead Spend time on relationship and trust building by inviting usual and unusual suspects	Competing priorities and competing agendas Developing a laundry lists of activities but not focusing on the core goal Identifying who needs to be at the table and keeping them there — legitimacy of decision-makers Agreement around the issue and early milestones	Dealing with the tension of being the convener without being the driver Identifying an urgent issue that has community 'buzz' Managing community engagement and action Establishing shared leadership from the beginning
Phase 2: Initiate Action	Using data to inform work A focus on building engagement Funder works with you Invest in incubation	Working across different systems and timelines Agreement on a common agenda and shared measurement Building collective capacity	Skilled facilitators to help navigate this phase Embedding data and communications in the process Dealing with impatience
Phase 3: Organize for Impact	Early adopters and champions Process experts and funders at the table Leveraging community assets A backbone with capacity	Building and maintaining trust and commitment Managing expectations Decision-making, governance and sustainability Finding balance	 Defining communications strategies Governance structure Evaluating resistance Managing multiple stages and phases of work
Phase 4: Sustaining Action and Impact	Communicate results often through stories and data Focus on renewal with strategies to re-motivate and re-energize Being an open, welcoming table Being nimble and responding quickly	Power dynamics and politics Negativity and pessimism Losing champions Information overload and fatigue Mission/vision drift Managing transitions	Need for innovation and adaptability Sustaining and integrating community interest Building capacity for others to step forward Continued community support for backbone and collective impact effort