



PROMOTE DIALOGUE



INCREASE UNDERSTANDING



FACILITATE COLLABORATION

Working with elected officials, non-elected community leaders, nonprofits, state and regional agencies, immigrants, philanthropists, educational institutions, industry innovators, entrepreneurs, and community organizers the Hurst Community Initiative amplifies and supports projects that promote:



Basic Human Needs

- Food Security
- Affordable Housing
- Universal Preschool



Quality Healthcare

- Affordable Physician Care
- Mental Health Care
- Vision & Dental Care



Economic Resilience

- Diverse Emerging Industries
- Equitable Recruiting
- Sustainable Living Wages



Adult Learning

- Skills-Based Training
- Professional Development
- Entrepreneurial Ecosystems



Community Development

- Climate Action
- Emerging Leaders
- Innovative Coalitions

What's next for the Hurst Community Initiative?



GOOD RURAL DATA



CIVIC LEADERSHIP



LEGACY VENTURES



HURST COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

aspen institute

COMMUNITY

80 mile corridor between Parachute & Aspen
 4,000 square miles of mountain, river & ranchland
 100,000+ residents: +/- 70% Anglo +/- 30% Latino
 20,000+ children under 18 years old
 3 counties, 4 school districts, 14 communities
 >60% free and reduced lunch, GarCo District 16
 >53% free and reduced lunch, RE-2 School District
 >43% free and reduced lunch, RE-1 School District

Source: Aspen Community Foundation. 2019

PURPOSE

HCI 3-Part Mission Statement

1. Promote Dialogue
2. Increase Understanding
3. Facilitate Opportunities for Meaningful Collaboration Among the Communities of Parachute to Aspen, Colorado

INFLUENCE

Hurst Leadership Seminar (Total Participants)

23 Elected Officials (2020 & 2021)
 42 Non-Elected Leaders (2020 & 2021)
Representing:
 14 Municipalities 3 Counties
 4 School Boards 27 Non-Profits

LEADERSHIP

Hosted/Moderated >10 Community Presentations

Aspen: Water Use **Basalt:** Mental Health
Carbondale: DEI **Glenwood Springs:** Housing
Silt: Ag-Tech **New Castle:** Wildfires
Rifle: Ranching **Latinos & Society:**
RFL: Leadership Marissa Molina, DACA
 Alex & Beatriz, Voces Unidas

ENGAGEMENT

Attended Regional Inter-Agency Task Force Mtgs

Regional School Boards of Education: >50
 County Commissioners Meetings: >40
 Town & City Council Meetings: >30
 Pitkin County POD Health & Human Services: >20
 Garfield County Human Services Commission: >20
 FEMA ESF6 (Pitkin Emergency Services): >20
 Regional Recovery Council: >12
 ACF Community Covid-19 Partners: 6
 Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition: 6
 Built for Zero Regional Housing Insecurity: 6
 Regional Chambers of Commerce Events: 4
 AGNC Regional Economic Development Conf: 2
 Senators Bennett & Hickenlooper Meetings: 2

PARTNERS

Health & Human Service Agencies & Non-Profits

Met with >40 Executive Directors & Program Leads
 Actively Collaborating with >20 Local Organizations
 Actively Working with Local Officials in >5 Towns
 to Build Community thru Better Relationships

A FEW PROJECTS ALREADY UNDERWAY | 2022

aspen2parachute.org

- **Regional Economic Development Coalition, Colorado River Valley | NEW 2022**
 Working with municipal town managers, county officials, business leaders, entrepreneurs, chambers of commerce, state agencies (DOLA/OEDIT), and regional nonprofits to collaboratively recruit emerging industries and workforce training opportunities
- **Tomorrow's Voices Political Science Class for College-Credit (with Aspen Center for Environmental Studies) | NEW 2022**
 Team teaching a civic engagement and political science class to juniors and seniors across the Roaring Fork School District to introduce students to practical concepts of civics, history, public policy, social justice and environmental sustainability
- **Regional Engagement on Colorado's Rural Resiliency & Recovery Roadmap Initiative | 2021-2022**
 Working with elected officials and non-elected community leaders from Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield Counties + municipalities from Aspen to Parachute to strategize most effective ARPA investments around regional housing, mental health & workforce resilience
- **Battlement Mesa & Parachute Town Hall Series | 2021-2022**
 Working with elected officials and community leaders of the "Grand Valley" to discuss current challenges, prioritize emerging opportunities, strengthen personal relationships, and strategize community resilience on both sides of the Colorado River
- **HCI Town Hall Speaker Series | 2021-2022**
 Working in collaboration with the 8 local public libraries and their communities' respective chambers of commerce to host live town hall meetings featuring local experts and respected moderators on topics that help define regional issues
- **Collaboration Among the Policy Programs of the Aspen Institute | Ongoing**
 Working with Executive Leadership Seminars, K-12 Climate Action, Better Arguments Project, Community Strategies Group, Financial Security Program, Economic Opportunities Program, Energy and Environment, Latinos & Society and many more.