



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

aspens 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

[aspens2parachute.org](http://aspens2parachute.org)

- **Regional Workforce Housing Summit | 2021-2022**  
Working with 2019 Regional Housing Coalition, elected officials, county & municipal leaders, and the region's largest employers to convene a multi-day event exploring viable solutions and collaborative opportunities to solve the current workforce housing crisis
- **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 Glenwood Springs (and beyond) to strategize most effective ARPA investments around regional workforce resiliency
- **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
- **Student Leadership Seminar (Roaring Fork School District) | 2021-2022**  
Working with Todd and Allyson Breyfogle at Executive Leadership Seminars to develop a comprehensive interactive seminar series in multiple high schools designed to empower regional BIPOC youth around issues of identity, justice, and antiracism
- **HCI Town Hall Speaker Series | 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 Aspen Institute 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.