



WHO WE ARE + WHAT WE BELIEVE

Launched in 2023, the Arizona Local News Foundation connects communities with more local news and information. We fund programs that ensure local news is accessible in every Arizona community.

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We envision a future with more hyperlocal news that builds communities and deepens trust in local media.

Over just the last decade, Arizona has lost hundreds of local journalists and dozens of local media sources because of fast-changing technology and weakened business models. That trend is accelerating, and many Arizona small towns are now designated as news deserts, meaning they no longer have any local news source. This is a threat to democracy just as much as a threat to information.

We are a coalition supported by nearly every local media brand currently operating in the state. We're here to fix the problem and we need more philanthropic support to join our cause.

What we believe:

We believe our state is a better place with more local journalists who can deliver fact-based news and foster a free exchange of ideas.

We believe our state is a stronger place with an Arizona news media that prioritizes community connections to support local events, local businesses and showcase local success stories.

We believe our state is a safer place when residents in every Arizona zip code have access to local news that holds truth to power and offers support during times of confusion and crisis.

What we fund:

Our foundation funds local news innovation grants to make sure Arizona communities have easy access to local news using evolving technologies and platforms.

Our foundation funds local news expansion grants to bring more journalists to every Arizona neighborhood, ensuring communities have access to trusted information.

Our foundation funds paid internships and scholarships to train trailblazers who can support more local news and community connection across Arizona.

Our foundation funds local media initiatives that promote community connection.

Our foundation guarantees that every dollar invested goes directly to programs with no admin fees.



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