



## Local News Pilot Partners

Microsoft recently announced a new initiative to help address some of the most significant challenges journalism faces. The first focus area is to work in partnership with local community foundations to help support local newsrooms. You can [learn more about the initiative here](#).

As part of the initiative, we'll be convening experts to share their knowledge with pilot newsrooms, including the Seattle Times and the Association of Independents in Radio. Here is a list of partners Microsoft is working with in the initial pilot regions:

<p><b>Fresno, CA</b></p> <p><a href="#">Central Valley Community Foundation</a>, Ashley Swearingin, President &amp; CEO</p> <p><b>Newsrooms</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Fresno Bee</a>  <a href="#">Radio Bilingue</a>  <a href="#">Vida En El Valle</a>  <a href="#">Valley Public Radio</a></p> <p><b>Higher Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">Fresno State Institute for Media and Public Trust</a></p>	<p><b>Jackson, MS, and the Delta</b></p> <p><a href="#">Community Foundation for Mississippi</a>, Jane Alexander, President &amp; CEO</p> <p><b>Newsrooms</b></p> <p><a href="#">The Clarion-Ledger</a>  <a href="#">The Jackson Advocate</a>  <a href="#">Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting</a>  <a href="#">Mississippi Public Broadcasting</a>  <a href="#">Mississippi Today</a></p> <p><b>Higher Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">Jackson State University Department of Journalism and Media Studies</a></p>
<p><b>El Paso, TX, and Juarez, MX</b></p> <p><a href="#">El Paso Community Foundation</a>, Eric Pearson, President &amp; CEO</p> <p><b>Newsrooms</b></p> <p><a href="#">El Paso Inc.</a>  <a href="#">El Paso Matters</a>  <a href="#">El Paso Times</a>  <a href="#">KINT-FM</a>  <a href="#">KTEP-FM</a>  <a href="#">KVIA-TV</a>  <a href="#">La Verdad</a></p> <p><b>Higher Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">University of Texas at El Paso College of Communication</a></p>	<p><b>Yakima, WA</b></p> <p><a href="#">Yakima Valley Community Foundation</a>, Sharon Miracle, President &amp; CEO</p> <p><b>Newsrooms</b></p> <p><a href="#">El Sol de Yakima</a>  <a href="#">KIMA-TV</a>  <a href="#">Radio KDNA</a>  <a href="#">Yakima Herald-Republic</a></p> <p><b>Higher Education</b></p> <p><a href="#">Central Washington University Department of Communications</a>  <a href="#">The Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University</a></p>