



ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO

2025 Impact Report

Aspen Public Radio | Our Story

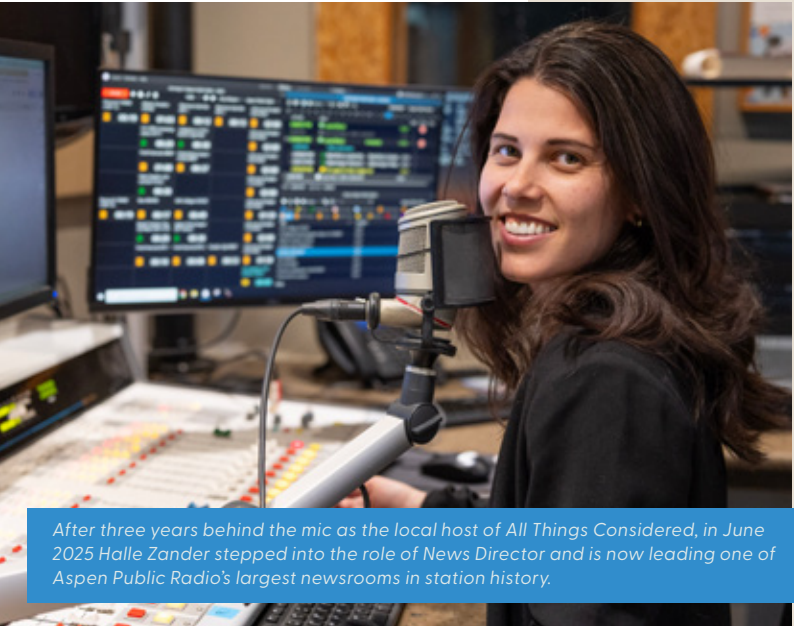
Aspen Public Radio is proud of our work as the only public broadcaster based in Pitkin County, serving an audience of **18,000 weekly listeners** along with over **37,000 monthly users online** at [aspenpublicradio.org](https://www.aspenpublicradio.org).

Each weekday, Aspen Public Radio broadcasts **16 hours of national radio programming** from NPR, American Public Media, PRX, and WNYC, along with **8 hours of international programming** from the BBC and PRX (The World).

From 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m., local newscasts and radio features are broadcast within national programming. On the weekend, the station broadcasts a schedule of 22 national radio programs along with an evening special every Sunday at 7 p.m. to broadcast a locally-recorded public event captured in front of a live local audience.

As a relied-upon source of daily radio news, Aspen Public Radio provides access to reporting on and critical analysis of key regional, national, and international issues, and works to connect listeners from throughout our community to each other. **Now in our forty-fifth year of service to the Roaring Fork Valley, we see ourselves as educators, conveners, and connectors.**

The coverage of pressing local issues provided by Aspen Public Radio actively strengthens our community through shared learning, and our broadcast journalism provides an important, free, accessible platform for local stakeholders to share their input and knowledge in their own voice—providing a nuanced context that is often overlooked in other forms of media.



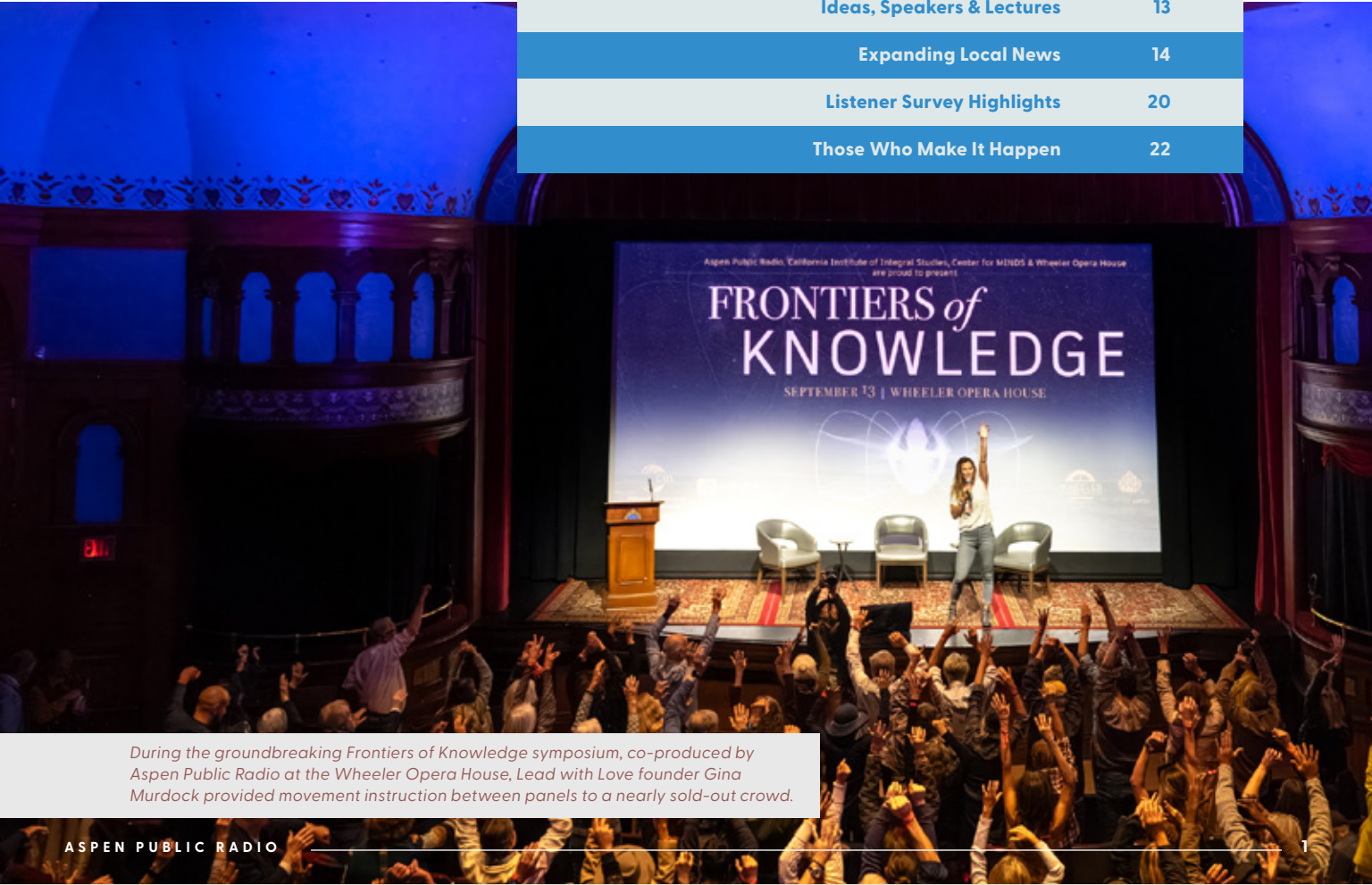
After three years behind the mic as the local host of *All Things Considered*, in June 2025 Halle Zander stepped into the role of News Director and is now leading one of Aspen Public Radio's largest newsrooms in station history.

Today our broadcast signal is reliably available on 88.9 FM **from Aspen to Glenwood Springs, Rifle to Eagle**, and in our hometown of Aspen, Colorado on 91.5 FM. In 2024, **we launched the Aspen Public Radio app**, extending access to our stream at [aspenpublicradio.org](https://www.aspenpublicradio.org). Since you can take our live radio broadcast service with you wherever you want to go, Aspen Public Radio truly fits our region's rural mountain lifestyle.

As we continue to make investments in local, regional and national collaborations, we have the opportunity to share solutions-based journalism, lifting up critical voices in Aspen and beyond, throughout the state of Colorado, the Mountain West region, the nation, and around the world.

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During the groundbreaking *Frontiers of Knowledge* symposium, co-produced by Aspen Public Radio at the Wheeler Opera House, Lead with Love founder Gina Murdock provided movement instruction between panels to a nearly sold-out crowd.

2024 By The Numbers



With Gratitude

At 4:08 a.m. on the morning of May 27, I authored and sent an email to Aspen Public Radio's interim News Director, Halle Zander, that I can honestly say I had never imagined I would ever be in a position to send:

Dear Halle, The following information is embargoed until approximately 6 a.m. MT this morning, Tuesday, May 27, 2025. I will notify you as soon as the suit has been filed and we are cleared to share the information publicly...

Attached was an embargoed copy of the legal complaint Aspen Public Radio would be filing in a matter of hours, alongside co-plaintiffs National Public Radio, Colorado Public Radio, and KSUT Public Radio in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, against Donald J. Trump, in his official capacity as President of the United States. Just a few weeks before, he had authored Executive Order 14290, violating the constitutional rights and editorial independence of public radio stations across the country.

It will forever be a low-point, and a high-point, of my career. In July, the efforts to silence America's public media system continued when the Rescissions Act of 2025 was passed by Congress to take back \$1.1 billion in funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). In response, on October 1, the station publicly launched a Resiliency Fund to secure critical financial support to cover new costs and replace the \$210,000 of annual CPB support the station had unexpectedly lost –after fifty years of bipartisan Congressional support. **As of this writing, we're over half way to our goal of raising \$500,000 by December 31, 2025.**

Each week, over 18,000 radio listeners tune in to Aspen Public Radio to hear the news of the day, be informed, nourished, inspired, and entertained. **Our public media service is free and available to all, and will continue to be, because of the hundreds of individuals and families, organizations and businesses, foundations and local governments who have decided to invest in this public radio station.** To support local journalism, free access to fact-based news and information, civic dialogue, critical discourse, the sharing of new ideas, and to be relentlessly curious about the world and how we can make it better. Thank you.

As we approach new challenges alongside age-old battles, let's look to 2026 for another year of coming together around amazing community convenings, outdoor exploration, and unique opportunities to deepen our relationships with each other.

In the following pages, you will read all about awards won, resources earned and spent, events hosted and shared, our remarkable success launching four new reporting Desks in the last twelve months, and the donors (of all sizes!) who make it all happen.

Thank you for supporting your source of quality, independent news here in the valley.



B. Richardson
Breeze Richardson
Executive Director

2024 Awards and Honors

Aspen Public Radio was recognized by the **Colorado Broadcasters Association** with four awards: **an Award of Excellence for Best Station Website** and **three Certificates of Merit**, judged by out-of-state professional broadcasters against newsroom entries from other Colorado radio stations in a medium-sized radio market.

In the annual **Top of the Rockies** contest, **Society of Professional Journalists** recognized Aspen Public Radio with **two first place awards**, competing against radio, television, newspaper and digital outlets throughout Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico.

Aspen Journalism was the only other media outlet in the Roaring Fork Valley who was recognized in this year's Top of the Rockies competition.

In May, Aspen Public Radio was named a **Regional Winner** in the prestigious **Edward R. Murrow Awards** from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA), competing against stations in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, securing top regional honors in two categories.

This Fall, the **Colorado Press Association** recognized Kaya Williams and Laurine Lassalle of Aspen Journalism with the **A-Mark Prize for Responsive Journalism**, which recognizes deep reporting that responds to a community's needs, for their collaborative coverage of the **St. Benedict's Monastery potential land sale**.

Colorado Broadcasters Association Awards

BEST NEWS FEATURE, REPORT OR SERIES

Caroline Llanes

An all women's fire crew in Western Colorado clears a path for more women in wildland firefighting

BEST NEWS COVERAGE OF A SINGLE EVENT

Caroline Llanes

30 years later, survivors remember the Storm King 14, the fire's legacy

BEST SPORTS FEATURE

Kaya Williams

Culture Shifters event aims to 'make the mountains more colorful' by diversifying snowsports

Society of Professional Journalists Awards

FIRST PLACE, SPORTS FEATURE

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FIRST PLACE, INVESTIGATING REPORTING

Kaya Williams, in collaboration with Aspen Journalism

Trappist monks cultivated a 'sacred valley' in Old Snowmass. Community partners want to protect it - but it depends on a lot of moving parts

Edward R. Murrow Awards

INVESTIGATING REPORTING

Eleanor Bennett, in collaboration with Aspen Journalism

Aspen Meadows promises pay parity for returning J-1 students after international workers raise concerns

SPORTS REPORTING

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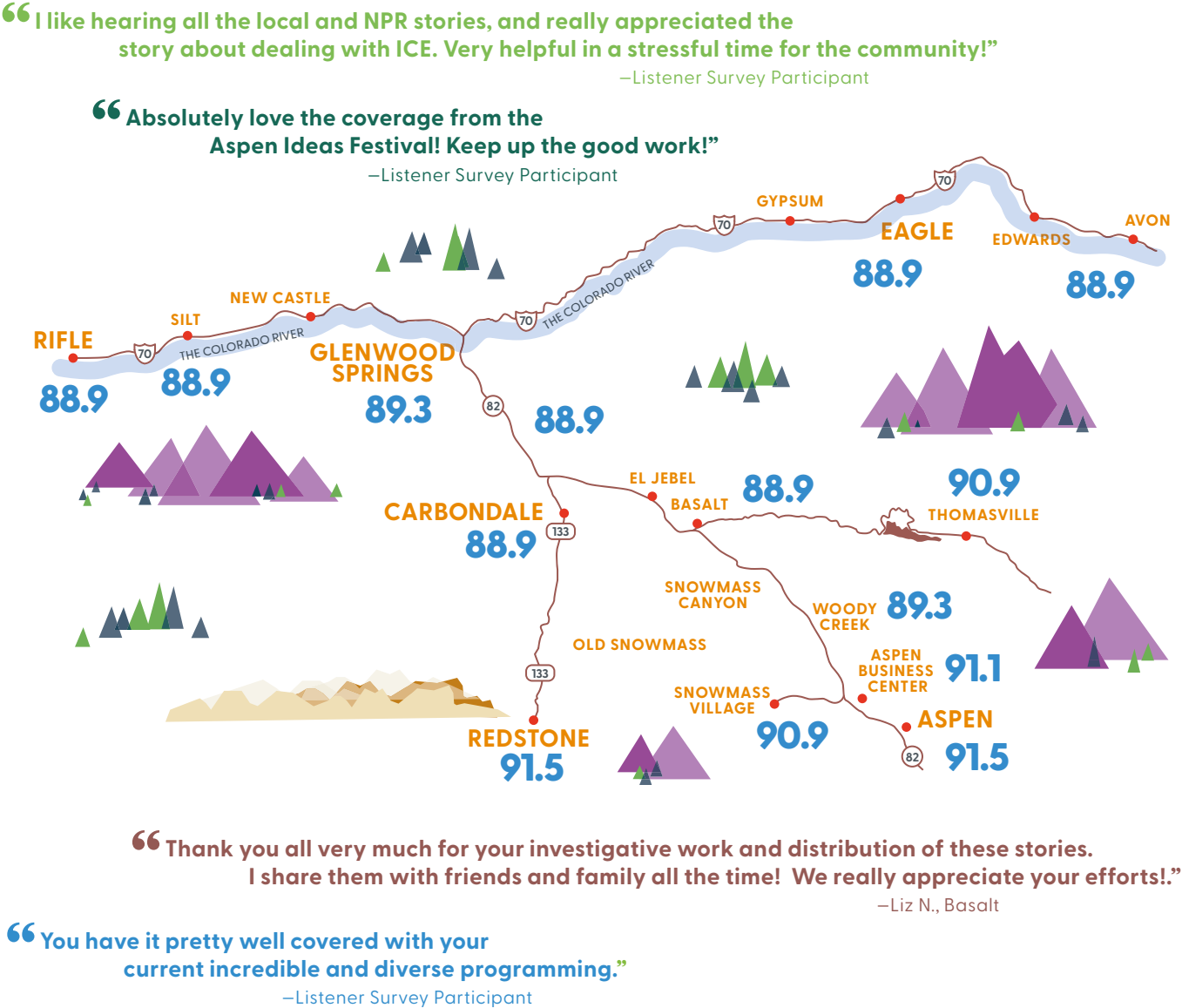


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Aspen Public Radio News members Megan Tackett, Josie Taris, Regan Mertz, Halle Zander, Sarah Tory, Michael Fanelli, and Eleanor Bennett. Away on a fun vacation: Lucy Peterson

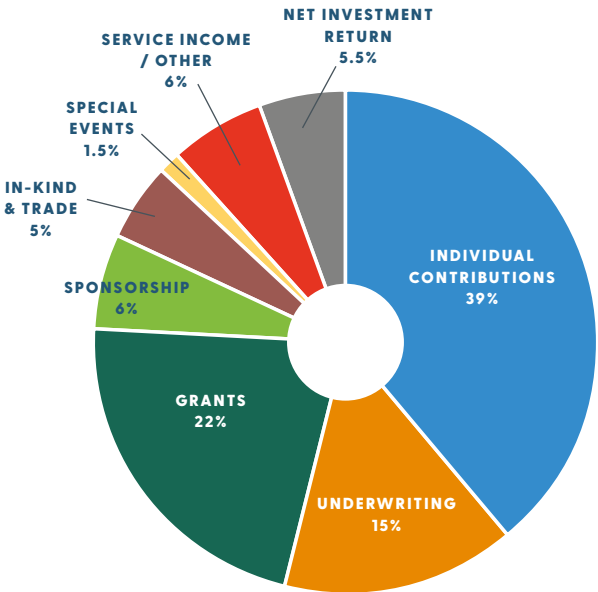
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2024 Financials

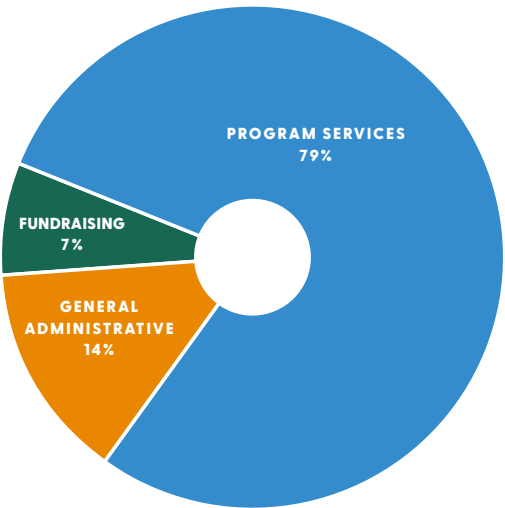
2024 INCOME

TOTAL INCOME	\$1,653,812
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$642,202
UNDERWRITING	\$248,175
GRANTS	\$367,897
SPONSORSHIP	\$101,000
IN-KIND & TRADE	\$77,900
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$26,354
SERVICE INCOME / OTHER	\$99,207
NET INVESTMENT RETURN	\$91,077



2024 EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,783,549
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$1,411,296
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$239,337
FUNDRAISING	\$132,916



2024 Events and Live Broadcasts

2024 EVENTS

- JAN** Colorado Mountain College Collaboration: Rediscovering Common Ground Launch
- MAY - JUN** Aspen Psychedelic Symposium
- JUN** Food & Wine Fundraiser at Smuggler Mine in collaboration with AspenX
- JUN** National Council Reception with Global Warming Mitigation Project exploring Climate Solutions
- JUN** Lawn Bash 2024
- JUL** AMFS National Council Reception
- OCT** Elections 2024: Airport Expansion Town Hall
- OCT** Backcountry Symposium

2024 LIVE BROADCASTS

- JAN** Aspen Gay Ski Week with Halle Zander
- MAR** World Cup Men's Downhill
- APR** Aspen Words Literary Prize Ceremony
- JUN** Food & Wine Grand Tasting with Kaya Williams
- JUN** Aspen Ideas Festival Live and Special Evening Broadcasts
- JUN - AUG** Aspen Music Festival and School Sunday Afternoon Concerts
- JUL** Aspen Security Forum
- AUG** Plein Air Art Festival in Snowmass Village
- SEP** Festival de Rancho at Anderson Ranch
- NOV** Election Night





2025 Events and Live Broadcasts

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- FEB** Election Squirrn Nights: Aspen Mayor and Aspen City Council
- MAR** Women's Desk Launch at The Little Nell
- MAY** Backcountry Symposium
- JUN** Food & Wine Fundraiser at Smuggler Mine in collaboration with Aspen Collection
- JUN** Climate Desk Launch at Aspen Ideas Festival
- JUN** National Council Reception with Mary Louise Kelly
- JUL** AMFS National Council Reception
- AUG** Nonprofit Volunteer Fair
- SEP** Frontiers of Knowledge
- SEP** Women's Desk Filmfest Screening and Reception

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- JUL** Aspen Security Forum
- AUG** Nonprofit Volunteer Fair with Breeze Richardson



Chefs, sommeliers and other stars of the food and beverage industry shared their thoughts on innovation and community with Aspen Public Radio alum Kaya Williams, during a live broadcast from the 2025 Food and Wine Classic in Aspen.

Ideas, Speakers & Lectures

Aspen Public Radio is proud to present select lectures, discussions, and conversations from area events and festivals, thanks to a remarkable collection of community partners.

Events are recorded at no cost to the partner and archived at aspenpublicradio.org, with select recordings broadcast on Aspen Public Radio Sunday nights at 7 p.m.

Download The Aspen Public Radio App

You can now stream Aspen Public Radio from anywhere, thanks to the station's mobile app, launched in July 2024 and available for iPhone & Android.

Download for free and listen to your favorite Aspen Public Radio and NPR radio programming simply by pressing play to listen live, or click through to explore Local News, check out upcoming events on our Cultural Events Calendar, and hear recordings archived as part of "Ideas, Speakers & Lectures."



Arts & Culture Desk

Over the last ten years, Aspen Public Radio has had a dedicated **Arts & Culture Desk** thanks to the generous support of Stefan Edlis and Gael Neeson.

Widening exposure to the world-class programming and talent provided throughout our valley through the medium of radio, which so naturally lends itself to dynamic and engaging storytelling, resulted in thousands of stories being produced in celebration of the Aspen Idea –and the tremendous role civic and cultural life has in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Thanks to support from **Melony and Adam Lewis, Larry and Susan Marx**, and the **Aspen Community Foundation**, we were able to continue Aspen Public Radio’s coverage of arts & culture with a **dedicated full-time reporter to highlight the importance and relevance of arts, artists, and arts organizations featuring the performing and visual arts, non-traditional art spaces, and everything in between**, while working to make the arts more accessible to all.

In addition to newscast and feature radio reporting, the Arts & Culture Desk produces a daily **Arts & Culture Report** broadcast during *Morning Edition* and contributes to the station’s **Cultural Events Calendar**, available on aspenpublicradio.org and through the station’s mobile app.



Regan Mertz
Arts & Culture Desk Reporter



Eleanor Bennett
Social Justice Desk Reporter

Social Justice Desk

In 2024, Aspen Public Radio launched a Social Justice Desk in collaboration with Aspen Journalism **to focus on issues of equity, inclusion, and social justice, providing comprehensive coverage that elevates diverse voices and fosters community dialogue.** The Desk aims to shine a light on the organizations, systems, policies and practices that create, conceal, allow, or perpetuate social injustice for people who live and work in our communities.

Reporting on social justice issues affecting Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valley communities, this investigative reporting initiative aims to include (but is not limited to) stories which address race, gender, economic inequities, LGBTQ+ rights, housing, immigration, and environmental inequities.



On the Ground: A Nonprofit Spotlight

In 2025, Aspen Public Radio reimagined the station’s historic “Nonprofit Spotlight” radio series and brought it back to the airwaves. The series features area nonprofits and explores their impact on our community. To-date, 15 stories have been produced as part of this initiative.

Nonprofit Spotlight stories are available online at:
aspenpublicradio.org/nonprofit-spotlight



Noticias en Español

Aspen Public Radio has been committed to publishing select local news stories in Spanish, expanding our community’s access to local news. As part of this effort all reporting from the Social Justice Desk is professionally translated by Convey Language Solutions and provided to Sol del Valle free of charge for print publication.

Noticias en Español is available online at:
aspenpublicradio.org/noticias-y-actualizaciones-en-espanol



Climate Desk

We are seeing signs of climate change here in the Roaring Fork Valley, including a longer growing season, higher low-temperatures in winter, an increase in sudden aspen decline in our forests, larger and more destructive avalanches, changing snowpack, and a myriad of other signs that the ill-effects of climate change are manifesting themselves locally.

In response, **Aspen Public Radio set out to launch a Climate Desk to examine the impact of climate changes throughout our community and explore mitigation measures that are being taken.**

In June 2025, live from the stage at Aspen Ideas Festival, Executive Director Breeze Richardson announced the local newsroom at Aspen Public Radio would be expanding with the addition of a Climate Desk, dedicated to providing accurate, accessible, and community-focused coverage of environmental and climate-related issues impacting the Roaring Fork Valley, the Colorado River Valley, and the broader Western Slope of Colorado.

The Climate Desk at Aspen Public Radio has been collaboratively funded by **Climate Curve, Mtn Bio, Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, and The Farm Collaborative**, thanks to leading donors supporting this initiative, including **Glenda Greenwald, Spike Buckley, Melony & Adam Lewis, Alpenglowl Foundation, Humphreys Foundation, Evans Hahn Foundation,** and the **Aspen Skiing Company's Environment Foundation.**



Michael Fanelli
Climate Desk Reporter

Climate Connections

In addition to adding newscast and feature radio reporting to Aspen Public Radio's production of local news, the station began broadcasting Climate Connections on July 1, airing Monday through Friday during the 11 a.m. hour of *Here & Now*, to help audiences understand the reality of climate change and what can be done about it.



During the 2025 Aspen Ideas Festival, Executive Director Breeze Richardson took the stage for a panel titled "Local News Could Save Us All" with Jenn White, Host of NPR's "1A", and John Palfrey, President of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, moderated by Vivian Schiller, Executive Director of Aspen Digital at the Aspen Institute. While on stage, she announced the launch of Aspen Public Radio's Climate Desk, and thanked the donors who made it possible.

Women's Desk

In March 2025, Aspen Public Radio launched the first Women's Desk at an NPR member station anywhere in the country, **seeking a deeper understanding of the status of women through economic, sociocultural, regulatory, technological and news-making contexts.**

Over a period of four months, women throughout the Roaring Fork Valley were inspired –and inspired others beyond our region –**to fund a full-time reporter at Aspen Public Radio to center women's voices**, bringing their perspectives and experiences to our local reporting efforts.

Challenging the reality that men remain the vast majority of quoted experts and sources throughout traditional media, this reporting aims to uplift women's voices to create a more diverse and inclusive news landscape.

On Friday, March 21, hosted by The Little Nell in downtown Aspen, the founding members of the Aspen Public Radio Women's Desk gathered to celebrate its launch. Rep. Elizabeth Velasco of Colorado House District 57 provided the following statement in celebration: *"There is no pressing issue of the moment that is not also a women's issue. Immigration is a women's issue, trans rights are a women's issue, housing is a women's issue, education, healthcare, and safety from violence are all women's issues. Thank you Aspen Public Radio for taking this important step! Congratulations!"*



Sarah Tory
Women's Desk Reporter



Thank You Women's Desk Network

Tori Adams
Brooke Allen
Aloha Foundation
Carolyn Buck Luce
Amé Damaso

Lori Dresner
Jessica Fullerton
Glenda Greenwald
Jody Guralnick
Soledad Hurst
Jaidyn Hurst

Melinda Payson and Devon
Judith Payson Wilson
Sara Ransford
Susan Taylor
Laurie M. Tisch
Illumination Fund

Sally Sakin
Carole Segal
Donna Slade
SPURR: Tina Staley, Amie
Knox, Gael Neeson, Jackie
Merrill, Christy Mahon,
and Jocelyn Childs

Listener Survey Highlights

The Fall 2025 Listener Survey took place in September/October to help the station understand how we can best serve the news and information needs of listeners and grow Aspen Public Radio as a leading public broadcast journalism service on Colorado's western slope. Here is some of what we learned.

75% of survey respondents have been listening to Aspen Public Radio for 10 years or more, with 16% of those reporting they have been listening since the station launched in 1981.

85% of these listeners live in the Roaring Fork or Colorado River valley full-time, with 10% reporting they live in our community part-time, and 5% reporting they don't live here but like to listen to Aspen Public Radio.

Car Radios continue to be the most popular way to listen, followed by home radios, streaming, and smart speakers.

85% of survey respondents report they rely on Aspen Public Radio for local news, with 26% of those reporting it's their main source for local news.

When asked if Aspen Public Radio could produce more local news, what would you like to see more dedicated coverage of, leading responses included: local government, investigative reporting, and environment.

70% of respondents are listening from 7-9 a.m., followed by 56% of respondents listening from 4-6 p.m., making these dayparts when local news is broadcast the highest two dayparts heard by listeners in the schedule, followed by 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays (48%) and 6-10 a.m. on weekends (44%).

When asked whether Aspen Public Radio's broadcast has the right mix of international/national/local news, 64% report they like the current mix, while 24% asked for more local news and 6% asked for more international news.

85% of respondents said they know to turn to Aspen Public Radio in times of emergency. Only 19% own a solar/crank emergency radio.

TOP 15 MOST LISTENED TO PROGRAMS ON ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO*

1.	All Things Considered	86%
2.	Morning Edition	76%
3.	Weekend Edition	63%
4.	Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me!	63%
5.	Fresh Air	61%
6.	1A	60%
7.	Marketplace	54%
8.	BBC Newshour	51%
9.	Here & Now	51%
10.	Science Friday	50%
11.	Hidden Brain	47%
12.	BirdNote	44%
13.	This American Life	41%
14.	The Moth	36%
15.	RadioLab	36%

TOP 10 MOST REQUESTED TOPICS FOR NEW LOCAL PROGRAMMING*

1.	Local Government	62%
2.	Investigative Reporting	51%
3.	Environment	44%
4.	Arts & Culture	36%
5.	State Government	35%
6.	Climate	35%
7.	Health & Wellness	28%
8.	Housing	27%
9.	Equity and Social Justice	27%
10.	Education	20%



DAYPARTS LISTENED TO BY ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO LISTENERS*

7am - 9am weekdays (Morning Edition)	74%
4pm - 6pm weekdays (All Things Considered)	56%
9am - 1pm weekdays (1A, Here & Now, Fresh Air)	48%
6am - 10am weekends (Weekend Edition)	44%
1pm - 4pm weekdays (BBC Newshour, Marketplace)	40%
10am - 6pm weekends	31%



LOCAL NEWSPAPERS READ BY ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO LISTENERS*

Aspen Daily News	77%
The Aspen Times	64%
Glenwood Springs Post Independent	34%
The Sopris Sun	33%
Aspen Journalism	20%
Snowmass Sun	8%
The Crystal River Echo & Marble Times	4%



AREAS WHERE ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO LISTENERS LIVE*

Aspen	24%
Carbondale	20%
Basalt	13%
Glenwood Springs	12%
Snowmass Village / Old Snowmass	8%
El Jebel / Missouri Heights	6%
Rifle / Silt / New Castle	6%
Eagle / Edwards / Gypsum	2%
Crystal River / Redstone / Marble	2%

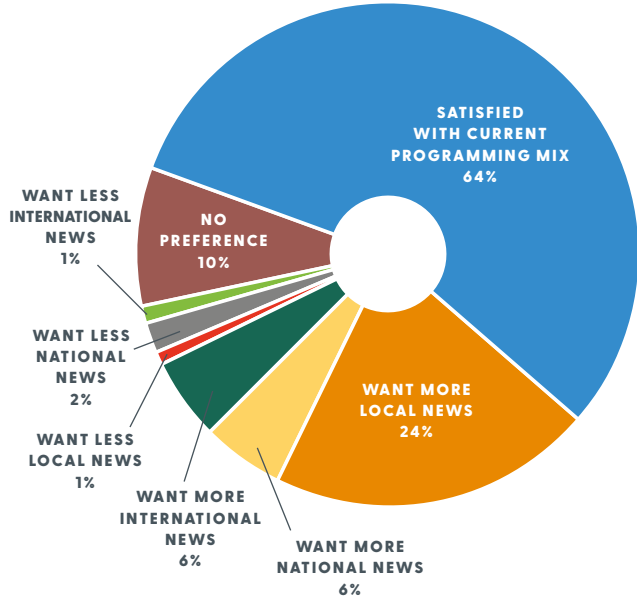


MOST POPULAR WAYS TO LISTEN TO ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO*

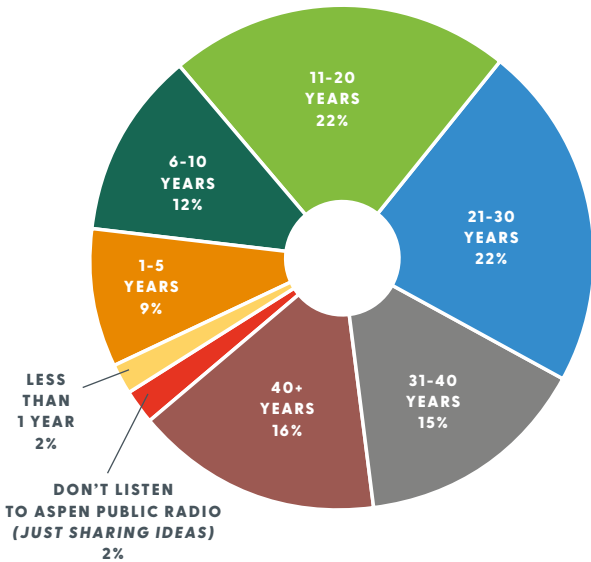
Car Radio	77%
Home Radio	40%
Streaming	38%
Aspen Public Radio App	14%
Smart Speaker	13%

* percentage of Aspen Public Radio 2025 listener survey participants

HOW LISTENERS FEEL ABOUT CURRENT PROGRAMMING MIX*



HOW LONG LISTENERS HAVE BEEN TUNING IN TO ASPEN PUBLIC RADIO*



Thank You To All Our

National Council Members

Members of Aspen Public Radio's National Council share a passion for public radio and all that it offers our community, our country, and the world. **The financial support of National Council members is crucial to Aspen Public Radio's continued public service.**

Members of the National Council generously make an annual donation of \$2,500 or more. This support helps advance our commitment to provide high-quality journalism in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond.

National Council Membership Benefits:

- **Invitations to exclusive National Council events with prominent NPR journalists and public media personalities, as well as other engaging speakers. These enlightening, entertaining events are hosted in private homes and local venues.**
- **A meaningful connection to Aspen Public Radio, with a deepened understanding of our goals.**
- **A commitment to ensuring the continued growth and stability of Aspen Public Radio in service to our community.**



National Council Inspiration Circle | \$50,000+

Steve and Susan Baird
Marcy and Greg Carlin

Jessica and John Fullerton
Melony and Adam Lewis

National Council Innovation Circle | \$25,000+

Nick and Wendy Bowen
Glenda Greenwald
Susan and Larry Marx

Melinda and Norman Payson
Penny Pritzker and Bryan Traubert

National Council Leadership Circle | \$10,000+

Tori Adams and Jim DuBose
Brooke Allen
Daniel and Jennifer Baker
Judith Barnard and Michael Fain
Carolyn Buck Luce
Ziska Childs
Janet Clark
Amé Damaso
Will and Nathalia Dolan
Lori Dresner and Pete Wycoff
Virginia and Gary Gerst
Harriett Gold

Robert and Soledad Hurst
Michael and Sheila Kurzman
Robert and Marcie Musser
Robert Pew and Susan Taylor
Daniel Shaw
Sara Ransford
Sally Sakin
Donna and Elliott Slade
Laurie Tisch
Anne Tobey
Carrie Walton Penner and Greg Penner
Jeffrey and Elisha Zander



National Council Members | \$2,500+

Robert and Carol Auld
Amy Margerum Berg and Gilchrist Berg
Andrea Booher
Brian and Rachael Brady
Doug Carlston and Kathy Williams
Isa Catto Shaw and Daniel Shaw
John and Laurel Catto
Larry Cohen
Richard and Tami Davis
Rana Dershowitz and Brian Rose
John and Ann Doerr
Mary Dolan
Laura Donnelley

Marsha and David Dowler
Loyal Randy Durand
Penney Evans-Carruth and Dennis Carruth
Tom and Ann Friedman
Robert Glickman
Cornelia Greaves and Nathaniel Bates
Jim and Brenda Grusecki
Denise Hoogland
Michael and Carol Hundert
Jaidyn Hurst
Edith "Sis" Johnson
Alexander Kelloff
Jeffrey Kenner and Hyunja Laskin
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Jackie Merrill and Jay Hughes
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Dr. Mark and Kelley Purnell
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Lynda and Stewart Resnick
Chris and Donnie Ryan
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Michael and Wendy Sidley
Mike and Margaret Simmons
Rachel and Anthony Sherman
Tina Staley and Harris Sherman
John Starr
Ann Stephenson
Bill and Paula Turner
Linda Vitti Herbst
Mary Watson



Food & Wine Fundraiser at the Smuggler Mine

During Aspen's iconic Food & Wine weekend, **Aspen Collection**, the innovation engine of **Aspen One** (formerly known as Aspen Skiing Company), partnered with Taste Network for a second year to create **Global Fire**, a celebration of good food and outdoor fire cooking with a cause, to benefit Aspen Public Radio.

Located in Aspen's oldest operating silver mine, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987, this remarkable venue provided a unique backdrop for the evening. **It also put Aspen Public Radio's primary broadcast tower on Smuggler Mountain—which is in need of replacement—center stage.**

In 2021, Aspen Public Radio confirmed that a complete replacement of the current infrastructure on Smuggler Mountain is needed. This event raised critical funds to help rebuild the Smuggler Mountain transmitter site, working to keep Aspen Public Radio's 24/7 broadcast reliable and available for the next 30 years –for daily news and information, but also for wildfire evacuation or other life-saving emergency communications.

The Aspen Public Radio tower on Smuggler Mountain is Pitkin County's ONLY publicly-owned and operated radio tower, and FM radio is still the most affordable and accessible way to get immediate emergency information out to our community.



TOTAL RAISED: \$37,865

2025 Host Committee Members:

Special thanks to the generous support of the Host Committee, enabling us to continue our efforts to raise these critical funds and celebrate Aspen Public Radio.

- CCY Architects
- Amé and Mike Damaso
- Lori Dresner and Pete Wycoff
- Alex Kelloff
- Rowland + Broughton
- Sally Sakin and Duncan Barber
- Melissa Temple | Global Real Estate Advisor



Community Support

Aspen Public Radio is so grateful for the collaborations and financial support we receive from our community, resulting in remarkable public events and shared initiatives, in addition to critical general operating support.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATORS AND SUPPORTING SPONSORS

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| Alpine Bank | Everybody Water |
| Aspen Community Foundation | Explore Booksellers |
| Aspen Daily News | FOOD&WINE |
| Aspen Collection | Garfield County Libraries |
| Aspen Film | Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado |
| Aspen Journalism | Glenwood Springs |
| Aspen Mini Donuts | Post Independent |
| Aspen Music Festival and School | Global Fire |
| The Aspen Times | GrassrootsTV |
| Aspen Valley Land Trust | Karp.Neu.Hanlon |
| Bristlecone Mountain Sports | Limelight Hotel |
| Buddy Program | Mountain Rescue |
| California Institute for Integral Studies | MRM Events |
| Center for MINDS | Obermeyer Wealth Partners |
| City of Glenwood Springs | Rising Sun Photography |
| Colorado Mountain College | The Sopris Sun |
| Connection is the Medicine | Strategic Wealth Design |
| Epiphany Mushroom Company | TACAW |
| | Wheeler Opera House |
| | Wilderness Workshop |

FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS

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| Aspen Community Foundation | Pitkin County Healthy Community Fund |
| Aspen Skiing Company Environment Foundation | Rose Community Foundation/Colorado Media Project |
| Aspen Thrift Shop | Rotary Club of Aspen |
| Catena Foundation | Rotary Club of Snowmass Village* |
| City of Aspen | Town of Carbondale |
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