For solutions in the Delta to last, they must be driven by the communities most familiar with its challenges. The Coalition and Capacity Building initiative is designed to support investment and great ideas. It is driven by collaboration with local and next-generation leadership, regional coalitions and national partners.

**THEORY OF CHANGE**

**HOME REGION PROGRAM: ARKANSAS-MISSISSIPPI DELTA**

Coalition and Capacity Building

**WHAT WE PLAN TO DO**

- Identify and develop effective local leaders.
- Build opportunities for local youth leaders.
- Join and build partnerships and coalitions that maximize resources in the Delta.

**HOW WE PLAN TO DO IT**

- Engage with local partners and coalitions that support leadership development and retention.
- Provide support for partners that build the capacity of existing local leaders.
- Identify and connect existing and former students to opportunities for paid internships and job placements in the Delta.
- Engage and collaborate with strong local and regional coalitions. This includes the Delta Philanthropy Forum, focused on community transformation through locally-driven priorities.
- Build connections between local coalitions and regional and national partners to bring in more dollars for local communities.

**SO THAT**

- More local residents stay in or return to the Delta and serve in leadership roles.
- More dollars flow to target communities and are spent in ways that reflect the priorities of communities in Jefferson, Phillips and Coahoma counties.