



**Nonprofit Digest** | December 20, 2018  
Weekly Headlines from Montana's Nonprofit Sector

NEWS AND HEADLINES

**Nonprofit Day at the Capitol:** Because of you and almost 600 other nonprofit member organizations, Montana Nonprofit Association is widely recognized as the voice for charitable nonprofits in Montana. In the true spirit of association, please join together with MNA and your colleagues for the 2019 Montana Nonprofit Day at the Capitol. We will be **celebrating** our sector, **introducing** MNA's 2019 Economic Report, **rallying** behind the renewal of the Montana Endowment Tax Credit and **reminding** policy makers of the power of our voice. As a group, we demonstrate to legislators that the nonprofit community is a driver - economic and otherwise - in Montana. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

**Unrelated Business Income Tax:** Although there is a strong bi-partisan support for the new Unrelated Business Income Tax on nonprofits to be pulled back, it doesn't look like it will happen before recess. And then we will need to start over with a new Congress. In the meanwhile, if you haven't seen it, [here](#) is the new IRS guidance which attempts to help nonprofits understand how to calculate their tax costs for employee transportation benefits. It's complex. And possibly helpful. We hope it will go away - but til then... happy reading! ☐

**Montana's Senator Jon Tester Leads Fight to Tighten Campaign Finance Rules** *via The Washington Times* ☐ Legislators in support of campaign finance reform scored a major symbolic victory Wednesday when they won a Senate vote to overturn new [IRS](#) rules meant to shield some nonprofits from having to disclose their donors.[...](#)

**Why Low Overhead Is Such a Bad Proxy for Efficiency** *via Nonprofit Quarterly*  
In the nonprofit arena, the idea that low overhead equals high efficiency is often scoffed. Five years ago, GuideStar, Charity Navigator, and the Wise Giving Alliance wrote a public letter that began, "The percent of charity expenses that go to administrative and fundraising costs—commonly referred to as 'overhead'—is a poor measure of a charity's performance." Now a study published in the Wall Street Journal provides more evidence of just why focusing on low overhead to judge nonprofit efficiency is a really, really bad idea.[...](#)

**Best of Nonprofit News 2018** *via Institute for Nonprofit News*  
Nonprofit newsrooms across the U.S. produce rigorous public service journalism that elevates diverse voices, informs communities, and holds the powerful accountable. In 2018, newsrooms and journalists told stories no one else was reporting and changed communities for the better. Revisit the best of those stories [here](#).

TRAINING AND EVENTS



**Legislative Prep Webinar - Moved from January 9th to January 10th**  
Join attorney and MNA lobbyist Aimee Grmoljez along with MNA Executive Director Liz Moore to take a closer look at the steps organizations need to take as you prepare to lobby and advocate during the Legislative Session. This webinar will cover the "how-to's" of lobbying in Montana, including registering as a lobbyist, navigating the legislative website, following the progression of bills, and how to best approach legislators and legislative committees about the issues you care about. **Don't let the mysteries of the process inhibit you.** Join us and learn how to best invest your time and energy from January to May at the Capitol.

[Learn More/Register](#)



**Nonprofit Day at the Capitol:** Join MNA members and staff on January 17 at the Capitol to network with your legislators, gain insight into the 2019 legislative session, raise awareness about the reach of the sector, and meet/greet your peers from around Montana.

Nonprofit Day at the Capitol includes:

- Nonprofit Showcase in the Rotunda
- Nonprofit Matters: Education and dialogue session with members of the Administration and policy makers
- Lunch with Legislators

[Learn More/Register](#)

## RESOURCES

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**Evaluation and Measurement of Outcomes** *via National Council of Nonprofits*  
Impact is the difference a nonprofit makes: There's the work done, and the results that flow from it. More and more nonprofits, grantmakers, and government partners, are focusing on **outcomes**, rather than "outputs." Here are some resources to guide organizations along an intentional path to advance their missions...

**GrantHub - MNA's Preferred Grant Management Solution:** GrantHub tracks and organizes grant deadlines, applications, reports, and important documents. Instead of using a mix of manual method and tools (spreadsheets, task manager, calendar, file storage systems, etc.) - GrantHub streamlines the grant application process and proactively sends reminders when deadlines are coming due. **MNA members receive a 20% discount** on a [GrantHub subscription](#) (regularly \$795/year). Learn more [HERE](#).

And now for **Pizza and a Laugh** *via Nonprofit Quarterly*  
What if pizza shops were funded like nonprofits? For a good laugh and a stress reliever from year-end fundraising, [watch this video](#) by New York's Human Services Council.



## NONPROFIT JOB BOARD

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The [MNA Job Board](#) is Montana's most reliable source for jobseekers and employers with a specific interest in nonprofit employment. **MNA members receive a 45-day listing for \$49.**

### RECENT JOBS

[Executive Vice President of Development](#)

**Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation** – Billings

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