



Nonprofit Digest | January 18, 2018
Weekly Headlines from Montana's Nonprofit Sector

NEWS AND HEADLINES



Legislators, Learning, & Lunch: Nonprofit Day at the Capitol

Today's event connected nonprofits from all corners of the state with legislators, staffers, and colleagues. Highlights included comments by Attorney General Tim Fox, an update on the status of SB111, Montana's Charitable Endowment Tax Credit, from MNA Lobbyist Aimee Grmoljez, and lunch! We heard from multiple legislators that it was "the best lunch I've ever been served in the Capitol." It was cold and snowy outside, but warm and lively inside, thanks in large part to great food sponsored by Anderson Zurmuehlen and Co.

Special thanks to MNA Board Chair CB Pearson, Attorney General Fox, Representative Greg Hertz, MNA lobbyist Aimee Grmoljez, and Anderson Zurmuehlen for an informative, interactional, and inspiring Nonprofit Day at the Capitol. And a shout out to Senator Mark Blasdel for sponsoring SB111!

[Check out photos from the day.](#)

How is the Federal Government Shutdown impacting your organization?

Nine cabinet departments are shuttered, 800,000 federal employees are furloughed or being required to work without pay, and an estimated 3.7 federal contractors are not being paid. Nonprofits are finding that furloughed federal employees cannot issue grants or contracts and cannot make payments to reimburse for work already performed. Some organizations have been forced to take out lines of credit, layoff staff, and reduce or eliminate certain services. And still other nonprofits are experiencing strains on their resources as federal employees are seeking food, housing, and other assistance. For more insight on the shut down and the impact on nonprofits, give the recent [Nonprofit Advocacy Matters](#) a read.

Please take a moment to respond to four questions which will help us get a snapshot of what nonprofits are seeing in Montana.

Respond

Judge Strikes Citizenship Question from 2020 Census

Federal Judge, Jesse Furman, ruled on Tuesday that the U.S. Commerce Department cannot include the proposed citizenship question to the 2020 Census. In his ruling, Judge Furman said that Wilbur L. Ross Jr., the Commerce Secretary, "failed to consider several important aspects of the problem... and failed to justify significant departures from past policies and practices." Here is the full, [277-page decision](#), and a summary by [New York Times](#).

2018 Nonprofit Board Leadership Study *via Forbes Magazine*

A recent study shows that employees of for-profit businesses that serve on nonprofit boards develop in ways that boost their effectiveness and productivity in as little as one or two years after beginning their board service...

TRAINING AND EVENTS



Announcing: Voices of Philanthropy Webinar Series

Relationships are central to fund development. Begin, or continue, building a relationship with funders in this webinar series. Join MNA and three executives from major foundations to learn of their funding priorities, motivation for giving, approaches to grantmaking, and more.

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Announcing: Get Press Bootcamp Webinar Series

This February webinar series will teach you how to get press and take your nonprofit from under-the-radar to front-and-center. Expert [Torie Rynning](#) will provide you the tools to set the stage for a press-worthy 2019 in which you'll raise awareness, build credibility, forge new partnerships, and reach thousands of potential donors through working with journalists.

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FREE Webinar - THE GRANTSMANSHIP GAME 2019: Playing to Win
Get ready to navigate the changing 2019 grants landscape with more confidence and success with a powerful best-practices roadmap from GrantsMagic U. Join veteran grant pro and grantmaker Maryn Boess for this fast-paced, high-takeaway live journey around the Grantsmanship Gameboard, as she unpacks 5 best-practices strategies to adopt for healthy, authentic, and sustainable grants success in challenging times.

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RESOURCES

7,000 Active Funding Sources

[GrantStation](#) is an advanced searchable database of more than 7,000 active funding sources and includes grant opportunities from federal and state sources, private foundations, corporate funders, associations, and international funding sources. Through a special arrangement, MNA members can purchase an annual subscription to GrantStation for \$75. That's more than 85% off the regular price of \$699 and beats even the occasional \$99 deal from other on-line providers. As an added benefit, MNA pays for all of its members to receive the GrantStation Insider weekly eNews. GrantStation Insider provides the grantseeker with information including funding opportunities, foundation news, and development technical assistance. [Watch a tour of GrantStation](#) to learn more.

Fundraisers: Confront the New Year Head On!

Words of wisdom from Mazarine Treyz, CEO at Wild Woman Fundraising. "Start this year off right, and make sure you think bigger about old problems. You can focus on them and make progress. Remember, if you ask for help, and if you give yourself enough time to take small steps, you can [move towards solving them!](#)"

Making a Difference in 2019: An Awareness Calendar

Psychology Today presents a [month-by-month](#) calendar highlighting volunteering and wellness to inspire generosity.



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

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Rocky Mountain Development Council, Inc. – Helena, MT

[Executive Director](#)

Adult Resource Alliance of Yellowstone County – Billings, MT

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