



Nonprofit Digest | January 24, 2019

Senate Fails to Pass Two Measures to End Partial Federal Shutdown

via National Policy Council

This outcome was expected; however, these measures may set the stage for progress in negotiations over the weekend. The National Policy Council encourages nonprofit board members, staff, volunteers, donors, and vendors to let your federal officials know the shutdown is hurting the country. Here are some things you can do:

- Contact the **White House**. Dial 202-456-1111 and ask the President to end the shutdown.
- Call your two **U.S. Senators**. Simply "Choose a State" from [this list of Senators](#) for their direct contact information, or call the Senate switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected with the Senators from your state. Encourage your Senators to end the shutdown.
- Call your **U.S. Representative**. Simply call the House switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask to be connected with your Representative. Not sure who's representing you? [Find your Representative](#). Urge your Representative to end the shutdown.

SB111 Passes Senate Taxation Committee

Montana's Charitable Endowment Tax Credit was passed in the Senate Taxation Committee. [Listen to audio of the hearing testimony](#). SB111 now heads to the full Senate and then onward. If you have a relationship with a particular senator, now is the time to reach out with a personal email (as opposed to the "form" letter) and tell a personal story about how the tax credit has benefited your community. The best source for email addresses is [here](#). If you are in Senator Mark Blasdel's district, please send our warm thanks his way for sponsoring SB111. Kudos to the [MNA Public Policy Council](#) and the [Montana Community Foundation](#) for their excellent work on this effort.

Legislation for Missing Indigenous Women and Children *via Missoulian*

Montana's Legislature is acting on two bills aimed at treating reports of missing Native Americans with the seriousness and urgency they deserve. HB20 proposes to change the way missing children are reported in order to allow any law enforcement officer in the state to file a missing child report immediately, regardless of custodial circumstances or agency jurisdiction. And, HB21, titled "Hanna's Act", would allow the Montana Department of Justice to lend its staff and resources to help with all missing person cases, and assign a missing persons specialist to handle such cases...

To contact legislators who don't have their email listed on their legislative website, you may do so [here](#).

SNAP Recipients, Food Pantries, and Domestic-Violence Shelters Face Uphill Battle During Shutdown *via The Chronicle of Philanthropy*

People in need are looking to nonprofit organizations for assistance, ranging from basic nutrition to help with their taxes. And, some of those funds are drying up as a result of the shutdown...

We would like to hear from you regarding the shutdown. This brief survey has four open-ended questions. We appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill us in. [TAKE SURVEY](#).

Headwaters Foundation Launches Zero to Five, a Strategic Initiative for Montana's Children *via University of Montana*

Headwaters Foundation recently announced Zero to Five, a \$16.7 million, multiyear strategic initiative focused on building resiliency for Montana's youngest children. The initiative is intended to be community driven, allowing local partner organizations to determine their own unique needs. Funded programs will address one of three specific areas related to children from age 0 to 5: resilient parenting, healthy pregnancy, and school readiness...



Montana Wins Award for Diverting Food Waste Away from Landfills

via MTPR

Montana has won an award for not wasting food. The Department of Environmental Quality and its nonprofit partners kept 829 tons of food from going into landfills in 2017. And for that, the EPA gave DEQ a Food Recovery Challenge Regional Award...

The 2019 Montana Nonprofit Economic Report

Every two years, MNA studies the economic impact of Montana's charitable nonprofit sector. The 2019 Nonprofit Economic Report was released this past Thursday and is available on our [website](#). Some Fun Stats: 51,486 Montanans were employed by nonprofit organizations representing 11.2% of all workers in the state. Nonprofit volunteers clocked almost 28.8 million hours of service, worth an estimated \$696.2 million, ranking Montana 8th in the nation for volunteer service. [View the entire report.](#)

The 2018 Montana Nonprofit Compensation Report

MNA partners with Columbia Books every other year to provide nonprofits with wage and benefit information specific to our state's nonprofit sector. The result is a report which includes more than one hundred nonprofit positions in the state. MNA members can request a 50% discount code [here](#), allowing you to obtain your copy for \$75 rather than the full price of \$150. Nonmembers can request a copy directly from Columbia books [here](#).

TRAINING AND EVENTS



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. February 7th, 14th, & 21st from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$30 per session.

[Learn More / Register](#)

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. February 6th, 13th, 20th, & 26th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$79 for the series, first session FREE!

[Learn More / Register](#)

So You Wanna Be a Board Member

Every nonprofit in Montana is required to have at least three board members. If you are considering joining a board and don't know where to start, or if your community struggles to engage new board members, this FREE event will introduce and encourage board membership as a meaningful option for community volunteerism.

We will be visiting several communities in Montana to share this FREE presentation thanks to our sponsor, [BNSF Railway Foundation](#). Dates/locations include:

Feb 19 – Bozeman
March 6 – Livingston
March 12 – Sidney
March 18 – Havre
March 20 – Kalispell
March 21 – Great Falls
April TBA – Red Lodge, Hamilton, Dillon

If you do not see your community on the list, email srogala@mtnonprofit.org and we'll come to you – this workshop is offered at no cost when paired with another MNA workshop in your community.

[Learn More / Register](#)

Build Your Best Team

From leveraging individual strengths to redesigning organizational culture, this workshop will equip you to attract and retain a multi-generational workforce (and board-force) to carry your organization's mission into the future.

This six-hour workshop is scheduled for the following communities this year:

February 20th – Bozeman
February 22nd – Butte
March 13th – Sidney
March 19th – Havre
March 20th – Kalispell

If you don't see your community on the list, contact srogala@mtnonprofit.org and we'll come to you. \$89 per Workshop. Pricing may vary upon location.

[Learn More / Register](#)

Ultimate Grant Proposal Blueprint

Learn grantwriting from a grantmaker, online, at your own pace. This eight-session course starts February 25th and includes a step-by-step roadmap and build-it-yourself toolkit for crafting an A+ proposal. \$197 for MNA members, \$297 for non-members.

[Learn More/Register](#)

RESOURCES

Top Ten TED Talks for Nonprofit Leaders *via Classy*

Need a little inspiration or a break from the news? Re-center and recharge with a talk or two.

[WATCH NOW](#)



Nonprofit Management Liability (NML) Insurance

Formerly called Directors and Officers Insurance, MNA members have access to enhanced NML Insurance from Monitor Liability Manager, LLC at a 20% discount. This comprehensive insurance provides some of the broadest coverage available in the market and includes coverage for personal injury, defense costs outside the policy limits, and third-party liability. [Learn more.](#)

Nonprofit Stories Mini-Guide *via Network for Good*

Check out this [helpful guide](#) to presenting stories that attract donors, win support, and raise more money.

Five Lessons for Nonprofit Advocacy *via Stanford Social Innovation Review*

Build a sustainable and effective advocacy program using these five lessons: Be Strategic, Leverage Existing Assets, Be Deliberate but Not Slow, Don't Reinvent the Wheel, and Practice Intellectual Humility. [Learn more.](#)

Learn On-Demand with MindEdge

MindEdge offers carefully crafted courses designed with the adult learner in mind and offered on a continuous basis. Dig into marketing, communications, nonprofit management, and more – at your own pace. [View Courses.](#)

Salish Kootenai College - Grants Project Management Certificate

Salish Kootenai College now offers a Certificate Program for those interested in furthering their education in grants management. [Learn more.](#)

RENEWING MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Western Native Voice recently renewed their membership with MNA. Established in 2011, this nonprofit is a social justice organization working to inspire Native leadership so that Montana communities flourish through civic engagement, education, leadership development, and public policy advocacy. [Check them out!](#)

NONPROFIT JOB BOARD

MNA's Nonprofit Job Board is the best resource to connect career opportunities with highly qualified nonprofit talent. Job seekers can manage their careers and employers can recruit for open positions. Visit the Job Board today!

RECENT JOBS

[Vice-President, Donor Engagement](#)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Yellowstone County – Billings, MT

[Senior Executive](#)

Foundation for Community Care of Richland County, Inc. – Sidney, MT

*To ensure you receive the most up to date news in your inbox please add
mna@mtnonprofit.org to your address book.*



Click to [edit Email Preferences](#) or [Unsubscribe](#) from this list.

Montana Nonprofit Association
PO Box 1744
Helena, MT 59624 - USA
Telephone: 406-449-3717