Reports & Resources

Women Earn 10% Less Than Men in America's Public Sector, Analysis Shows
*The Guardian* | **READ STORY**

Although women hold half of all state and federal service jobs, they make 10% less than men in the public sector, according to an analysis of government documents obtained through freedom of information requests by an investigative non-profit. The analysis by the Contently Foundation, a non-profit for investigative journalism, found that women earn 10% less median income than men in the public sector. The employee earnings records also show that 73% of government workers making $100,000 or more each year are men.

The registration pages for the 2018 *NACDEP* or *CDS* Conferences should be posted soon. NACDEP is June 10-13 in Cleveland and CDS is July 22-25 in Detroit.

Our Montana Small Business Webinar Series continues through the spring with a great line-up of presenters. Information on how to connect to the FREE webinars, our past webinar archives, downloadable files, list serve subscription and future webinar series information is posted here.

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**Upcoming Events**

**2018 National Interagency Community Reinvestment Conference**
March 18-21, 2018
'World's Richest 1% Get 82% of the Wealth', Says Oxfam

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The gap between the super rich and the rest of the world widened last year as wealth continued to be owned by a small minority, Oxfam has claimed. As reported in the BBC, some 82% of money generated last year went to the richest 1% of the global population while the poorest half saw no increase at all, the charity said.

Visualizing a Warmer World: 10 Maps of Climate Vulnerability

World Resources Institute | READ STORY

The climate disasters that made headlines in 2017 — monster hurricanes, devastating floods and unprecedented drought — will become commonplace in the coming decades as climate change intensifies. Decision-makers from urban planners to corporate executives are grappling with how best to adapt. Should city officials in the Caribbean update building codes to climate-proof infrastructure against storm surges, or move to higher ground? Should farmers in sub-Saharan Africa adopt more efficient irrigation, or switch to climate-resilient seeds?

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Awards for Faculty
Deadline: April 11
Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities

PEPFAR Small Grants Program 2018 Capacity Building
Deadline: April 30
Funder: U.S. Mission to Lesotho

Health Services and Economic Research on the Prevention and Treatment of Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Abuse
Deadline: May 7
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services
A Powerful Map Promises to Help Cities Keep Streets Free

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The National Association of City Transportation Officials and the nonprofit Open Transport Partnership launched a new open data standard and digital platform for mapping and sharing city streets. It might sound wonky, but the implications are big: SharedStreets brings public agencies, private companies, and civic hackers onto the same page, with the collective goal of creating safer, more efficient, and democratic transportation networks.

Majorities Say Government Does Too Little for Older People, the Poor and the Middle Class

Pew Research Center | READ STORY

Majorities of Americans say the federal government does not provide enough help for older people (65%), poor people (62%) and the middle class (61%). By contrast, nearly two-thirds (64%) say the government provides too much help for wealthy people. The national survey by Pew Research Center, conducted Jan. 10-15 among 1,503 adults, finds that views on government help for the poor, the middle class and the wealthy – as well as for
older people – have changed little in recent years. This is the first time this series has included a question about younger people.

Where Corruption is Raging Around the World

*Forbes | READ STORY*

Transparency International released its 2017 Corruption Perceptions Index recently, finding that most countries around the world are making little or no progress in ending corruption. 180 countries and territories were ranked on perceived public sector corruption on a scale of 0 to 100. The ones scoring 50 or lower have serious problems while countries closer to 100 are successfully preventing foul play in their public sectors. All in all, more than two-thirds of countries scored below 50 and the average global score was 43.
Where Corruption Is Raging Around The World
Countries and territories ranked on perceived public-sector corruption in 2017

Least corrupt
1 New Zealand
2 Denmark
3 Finland

Most corrupt
1 South Sudan
2 Somalia

* As perceived by experts and business people
Source: Transparency International

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