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Executive Summary

This report details a research scan conducted by The Nonprofit Institute at Portland State University. It includes a comprehensive list of relevant research reports published by reputable sources on the topics of *board governance, contracting, leadership, philanthropy, volunteerism* and other *general* and *specialized* nonprofit *topics* at the state, regional, and national levels. This information was compiled in an effort to understand the state of research in this field as well as potentially illuminate opportunities for future research projects. The methods by which this data was gathered included initial conversations with community stakeholders which guided further online content analysis of reports in the fields stated above. This guide serves as a directory to relevant nonprofit research studies including a table organized by category with (1) the titles of the reports, (2) year of publication, (3) the organization that produced it, and (4) active links to these publications.

Interest in nonprofit *board governance* has grown in recent years but the average person joining a nonprofit board typically has very little knowledge and understanding of the work that is to be done.[1] Many of the publications that currently exist on board governance outline the fundamental legality, roles, and responsibilities of board membership. The Oregon Department of Justice and the Nonprofit Association of Oregon offer basic guidelines for nonprofit board governance in Oregon but there were no locally produced in-depth research reports on other facets of board governance. The Alliance for Nonprofit Management has a national report forthcoming on nonprofit board chairs which

examines their perceived roles in the relation to the board, community and CEO as well as how they prepare for the role of board chair. This report should be published shortly. Finally, BoardSource, Stanford University, and the Urban Institute have produced national surveys of board practices, board governance's link to policy initiatives, stewardship, and board composition. Included here are also some special topic reports such as managing nonprofit mergers.

There are several recent reports on *contracting* included here, and this research area continues to grow as nonprofits increasingly partner with governments to provide services in communities across the country. The National Council of Nonprofits and the Urban Institute appear to be the leaders in producing large scale nonprofit contracting data reports. Especially significant is the Urban Institute's National Study of Contracts and Grants which includes analyses of current contracts and grants, problems encountered, and the current fiscal situation by state illuminating how each state is in a unique economic and political situation that affects the experiences of its nonprofits.[2] No local or regional reports on contracting were identified. More detailed information on Oregon nonprofits and contracting can be found within sector-wide analyses such as the *2011 Oregon Nonprofit Sector Report*, co-produced by Portland State University and the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, which finds that some of the concerns about nonprofits contracting with government agencies as less pressing in Oregon when compared to national concerns.[3]

Nonprofit *leadership* reports were identified in several key categories including executive leadership, next generation leadership, and special topics such as cultural competency. Included here is an Oregon specific catalog produced by PSU fellow Katherine Porras supported by the Meyer Memorial Trust that includes primary culturally specific and community based leadership development programs in Oregon. The report catalogs 25 leadership programs aimed specifically at leadership development for communities of color as well as some broader leadership development programs. As a result of this research, several recommendations were made including interconnecting these leadership programs with each other, offering technical assistance with a focus on assessment tools, supporting networking opportunities for program staff, and sustaining leadership development among graduates of these programs. On the national level, executive leadership studies reported on topics such as succession planning, turnover, executive coaching, and executive sabbatical. Additionally, the research on next generation leadership is growing, and many reports focused on developing a leadership plan and pipeline for millennials. The Millennial Impact Project and the Young Nonprofit Professional Network (YNPN) appear to be leaders in this research field with evidence based suggestions for increasing talent retention and strengthening emerging leadership in the nonprofit sector.

Philanthropy and fundraising seem to be the most widely researched topic area in nonprofit studies. The Association of Fundraising Professionals-Oregon

1 Renz, D. (2004). Nonprofit Governance and the Work of the Board. Midwest Centre for Nonprofit Leadership, University of Missouri: Kansas City.

2 Pettijohn, S., Boris, E., and Farrell, M. (2013). National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracts and Grants 2013: State Profiles. Washington DC: Urban Institute.

3 Nonprofit Association of Oregon and Portland State University. (2011). Oregon Nonprofit Sector Report 2011. Portland, OR: Nonprofit Association of Oregon.

and SW Washington, Philanthropy Northwest, and the Oregon Community Foundation have produced annual and semi-annual detailed reports on giving in Oregon which include subtopics around charitable contributions and social media, budget and service plans, impact of government cuts and the recession, where philanthropic dollars originate, and how the Oregon nonprofit sector can use this information. Additionally, a special report was produced by the Foundation Center for Grantmakers of Oregon and Southwest Washington that examined the extent to which domestically focused grantmaking by Oregon foundations reached Oregon's communities of color. There are also several annual national reports generated on giving in the United States such as Giving USA and the Philanthropy Panel Study produced by the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. Special topics in philanthropy included millennial giving, women's giving, the giving patterns of America's wealthiest households, the hashtag #GivingTuesday phenomenon, and board fundraising.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a national leader in volunteerism data collection and analyses. They provide the most comprehensive look at volunteering and civic life in 50 states and 51 cities across the country including analyses of volunteer rates and rankings, civic engagement trends, and analysis. Independent Sector has also produced a report on the economic impact and value of volunteer time. We were unable to locate any comprehensive reports that were Oregon specific, however many national analysis include state analyses. Further, Portland State University's Center for the Improvement of Child and Family Services has a research project on volunteerism in Oregon underway. They are preparing to administer an electronic survey to a sample of nonprofits statewide to assess volunteer engagement practices and needs and will also be conducting a series of stakeholder interviews and completing up to 3 case studies of nonprofit organizations later this Spring. Finally, special topics in volunteerism included health benefits of volunteerism, boomer volunteerism and retention, volunteerism as a pathway to employment and the (mis)management of volunteers.

The Nonprofit Association of Oregon and Portland State University have produced two generalized reports examining the Oregon nonprofit sector as a whole, including size, scope, expenditure, volunteers, fundraising, organizational health and practices of *Oregon nonprofits. These are the Oregon Nonprofit Sector Report* (2011) and the *Oregon Nonprofit Sector in Brief* (2014) reports. Additional general research includes NAO's, in partnership with Independent Sector, report entitled *Principles for Good Governance and Ethical Practice* (2015), the foremost guide for sound and successful practice by charities and foundations in the United States. Several national annual studies on the state of the nonprofit sector are also included. Most notably, *Independent Sector's Economic Impact Study* (2012) and the *General Scope of the Nonprofit Sector Report* (2015) and the *Urban Institute's Nonprofit Sector in Brief Report* (2015). Other general nonprofit studies included here are multicultural organizational development, cultural competency, and nonprofit turnover. Further, we identified several toolkits and online databases meant to guide nonprofit professionals in practice such as the Nonprofit Economic Data Project, the Digital Giving Index, the National Center for Charitable Statistics, and the Stanford Social Innovation Review. These sites serve practitioners with data that can be useful for evidence based practice, grant writing, and research driven practice.

Finally, Oregon has produced some notable reports on specialized topics such as the Oregon Values and Beliefs Project, the Oregon Capital Scan, a report on tracking Oregon Equality[4], and the Coalition of Communities of Color's Unsettling Profile Research Series which documents the experiences of communities of color in Portland OR to be used by policymakers, advocates, researchers, educators, and grant writers. Other special topics include the E-nonprofit, social impact bonds, nonprofit coaching, arts, and technology. Of special interest is the Foundation Center's Issue Lab which provides case studies, evaluations, white papers, and issue briefs addressing some of the world's most pressing social problems, which undoubtedly affect the nonprofit sector. Recent topics include black male achievement, disaster philanthropy, analysis of mass gun shootings, philanthropic support for black men and boys, and philanthropic support for veterans. The Issue Lab Provides some guidance and examples of potential issue based research that can be carried out in Oregon.

Overall, research in the nonprofit field is vast and growing, and what is provided here is a snapshot in time. However, it is our hope that this directory will prove useful in better understanding potential opportunities for future research endeavors in the state of Oregon. If you have questions or concerns regarding this report or its content, please contact The Nonprofit Institute at inpm@pdx.edu.

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4 Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon State University. (2015). Tracking Oregon's Progress: A Focus on Equality. Portland, OR: Oregon Community Foundation.

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Board Governance

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Oregon Department of Justice - Charitable Activities	2013	A Guide to Nonprofit Board Service in Oregon: Office of the Attorney General	This guide is provided by the Attorney General's office to assist board members in performing board related functions. It outlines legal roles and responsibilities.	N/A
Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO)	2015	Website on Nonprofit Board Governance: Frequently Asked Questions.	This webpage offered by the Nonprofit Association of Oregon is a practical tool for board members and outlines board roles and responsibilities.	Ongoing

Board Governance

National

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Alliance for Nonprofit Management	2016*	Perspectives of Nonprofit Board Chairs: How they Prepare for and Perceive their Role in Relation to the Board, Community, and CEO: A National Study	This study was conducted by a research team of the Alliance for Nonprofit Management's Governance Affinity Group, a national group of nonprofit consultants, pracademics, and researchers who focus on developing new approaches to governance, conducting research on governance issues, and promoting research based practice. The study examined two research questions to advance the sector's understanding of board chairs and their importance to governance as well as offer practice implications for board chairs and capacity builders. The research questions are: (1) How do board chairs perceive their roles relative to the board, the organization, the community and Executive Director/CEO?; and 2) How do they prepare, or not, for the role of board chair and what did they find helpful in preparing? This study is one of the few that obtains information about board chairs, directly from board chairs themselves.	One-Time
Boardsource	2015	Leading With Intent: A National Index of Nonprofit Board Practices	More than 800 nonprofit organizations responded to a survey in the summer of 2014 and shared quantitative and qualitative data about their boards' composition, policies, practices, and performance. The responses to that comprehensive survey were aggregated and analyzed by BoardSource's research team, and are explored further in this report.	One-Time
Center for Social Sector Leadership - Berkley University	2002	The Dynamic Board: Lessons from High Performing Nonprofits	This report summarizes the best practices that we heard described in our interviews.While we offer guidance on many types of board activities, we especially emphasize theneed for a board to be "dynamic" – ready to shift priorities when conditions change. Noexecutive team will always have the full range of skills required to ensure that theirorganization thrives and survives in a time of shifting government priorities, evolvingsocial needs, increasing scrutiny of nonprofits, and changing donor expectations.Similarly, boards also need to respond to changing internal needs as nonprofits matureand grow. A dynamic board can help weather change and build for the future	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2005	The M Word: A Board Members Guide to Nonprofit Mergers	This study provides a road map to a merger's expectations, processes, and obstacles. Special sections depict seven organizations' actual merger experiences, feature sample resolutions and worksheets, and highlight the key roles executive directors play in a merger. Also offers advice on how to close down an organization.	One-Time

*forthcoming

Board Governance

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership	2004	Nonprofit Governance and the Work of the Board	This article is adapted from a chapter published in Philanthropy in the U.S.: An Encyclopedia and explores the roles and responsibilities of board members as well as differing definitions of governance as they are used in the nonprofit sector. The report outlines in detail the legal duty of care, and the core and fiduciary responsibilities of officers, committees, task forces, and individual board members.	One-Time
Stanford Univeristy	2015	2015 Survey on Board of Directors of Nonprofit Organizations	In fall 2014, Stanford Graduate School of Business, in collaboration with BoardSource and GuideStar, surveyed 924 directors of nonprofit organizations about the composition, structure, and practices of their boards. "This extensive survey provides highly informative empirical data which underscores what many of us have been observing based on personal experience. In order for a nonprofit to achieve great impact, it needs a great board. And most nonprofit boards fall far short," adds Meehan	Annual
Support Center for Nonprofit Management and the National Center for Nonprofit Boards	1999	All Hands On Board: The Board of Directors in an all-Volunteer Organization	This is a toolkit for board professionals which explains roles, responsibilities, and legalities of board membership.	One-Time
The Urban Institute	2012	Nonprofit Governance in the United States: Findings on Performance and Accountability from the First National Representative Study	Nonprofit boards are increasingly a focus of those interested in greater accountability and transparency, including policymakers, media, and the public. To help inform current policy debates and initiatives to strengthen nonprofit governance, in 2005 the Urban Institute conducted the first ever national representative survey of nonprofit governance, with over 5,100 participants. This report presents survey findings, discussing: relationships between public policy and governance, factors that promote or impede boards' performance of basic stewardship responsibilities, board composition and factors associated with board diversity, and recruitment processes, including the difficulty experienced by many nonprofits in finding members.	One-Time
The Urban Institute	2014	Boards as an Accountability Mechanism	This paper examines board functioning in relation to both legal and broader conceptions of accountability, and empirical evidence from over 5,100 nonprofits in the Urban Institute National Survey of Nonprofit Governance. After discussing areas of board weakness, the paper considers various approaches to improving boards, including regulation, self-regulation, policy oriented, and management-oriented strategies. The paper argues that as important as legal regulation and oversight may be, broader accountability and performance expectations must be addressed at the level of practice, within boards and organizations, and take nonprofit heterogeneity into account.	One-Time

Contracting

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
The National Council of Nonprofits	2014	Toward Common Sense Contracting	This Special Report is designed to help overcome the serious problems charitable nonprofits encounter when entering written agreements with governments to deliver services to the public. Through extensive research and input from front-line nonprofit contractors and grantees, it provides real-world context and consequences to the problems documented through nationwide statistical data published in the Urban Institute's "National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracts" and "Grants 2013: State Profiles and recent Nonprofit-Government Contracts and Grants: Findings from the 2013 National Survey". This report provides tested, replicable solutions to the government-nonprofit contracting problems and calls on all interested parties to join in efforts to promote common sense contracting	One-Time
The National Council of Nonprofits	2013	A Dozen Common Sense Solutions to Government Nonprofit Contracting Problems: A White Paper	This white paper shares a sampling of common sense contracting and grantmaking solutions. The paper identifies replicable solutions that can overcome specific dysfunctional problems that prevent governments and their nonprofit partners from being as successful and efficient as possible. But first, we relate the benefits of "collaborative problem solving" that governments and nonprofits have jointly put to use in productive ways in recent years.	One-Time
The National Council of Nonprofits	2013	Investing for Impact: Indirect Costs are Essential for Success	This report addresses how governments that hire charitable nonprofits to deliver services and then reimburse them for less than reasonable indirect costs undermine the ability of nonprofits to deliver high quality services. It reviews research documenting that such an approach erodes communities and contracting relationship while ensuring higher-performing partners and cost savings for taxpayers.	One-Time
Urban Institute	2013	Nonprofit Government Contracts	Through a national survey of public charity nonprofits, this report assesses the size and scope of government financing, administration of contracts and grants, and nonprofit perceptions of problems and improvements in these processes.	One-Time
Urban Institute	2013	National Study of Nonprofit-Government Contracts and Grants 2013: State Profiles	This compilation of state profiles from the 2013 National Survey of Nonprofit-Government Contracting and Grants, provides national and state-by-state snapshots of most types of nonprofit organizations that have contracts and grants with local, state, and federal governments. The individual state profiles are designed to document the extent of nonprofit-government contracting, processes and problems. States are also ranked according to number of grants, types of issues, and actions taken by nonprofits to address the challenges they face.	One-Time

Leadership

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Meyer Memorial Trust and Hatfield School of Government	2014	A Look at Leadership Development Programs in Oregon	In 2014, Oregon Hatfield Fellow at Portland State University Katherine Porras, compiled a catalog of the primary culturally specific and community based leadership development programs in the state of Oregon for the Meyer Memorial Trust. The report catalogs 25 leadership programs aimed specifically at leadership development for communities of color as well as some more broad leadership development programs. Eight focus areas were identified: cultural, disabilities, environmental justice, immigrants and refugees, migrant students, public engagement, rural, and youth. Further, as a result of this research, several recommendations were made including interconnecting these leadership programs with each other, offering technical assistance with a focus on assessment tools, supporting networking opportunities for program staff, and sustaining leadership development among graduates of these programs.	One-Time

Leadership

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
The Annie E. Casey Foundation	2008	Building Leaderful Organizations: Succession Planning for Nonprofits	This monograph seeks to continue to detoxify the topic of nonprofit succession, looking closely at the tough issues organizations may face when planning for succession. It provides nonprofit boards and executive directors a framework for their own succession planning activities and offers tools and resources, many of which have been used by the leadership consultants who designed the approaches outlined.	One-Time
Bridgespan	No Date	Nonprofit Leadership Development: What's Your Plan A for Growing Future Leadership?	In this practical guide, the authors outline a series of steps that organizations can follow to create and implement a Plan A which is a vision of your organization's future leadership team including the capabilities and roles needed to achieve your strategy, and an overview of the development steps you plan to take to build that team While what to do is knowable, we don't promise that it will be easy to do it well. It takes significant focus, time, and effort. But we do say that the actions you take will help build an organization that's better prepared to increase your impact amid the challenges to come.	One-Time
Case Foundation & Achieve Research's "The Millenial Impact Project"	2015	2015 Millenial Impact Report: Cause, Influence, and the Next Generation Workforce	This report is the fourth installment of a four part series focusing on the relationships between Millennials and nonprofit organizations. The 2015 Millennial Impact Report focuses on company cause work, the factors that influence engagement in the workplace and the relationship between Millennial employees and their managers.	One-Time
Center for Creative Leadership	2010	Emerging Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations: Myths, Meaning, and Motivations.	In 2010, American Express and the Center for Creative Leadership embarked on a research effort to advance the understanding of, and to promote excellence in the field of, nonprofit leadership by focusing on the needs of emerging leaders. Survey and narrative data were gathered from current and emerging nonprofit leaders. Overall, they found that individuals at lower levels are more concerned about pay than are those at higher levels. Fewer individuals are willing to take it on faith that they are making a positive difference; they want tangible evidence of the difference they and their organizations are making. Recommendations were made to expand how we think about talent development and utilization to include a sectorial perspective and find ways to support it at that level. Further, with the increase in mobile technology use (such as smartphones) the lines between work time and personal time are often blurry. Individuals, particularly younger workers, increasingly have the desire to choose how they manage the boundaries between work and nonwork roles, relationships,and responsibilities.	One-Time

Leadership

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2008	Ready to Lead? Next Generation Leaders Speak Out	To better understand and address the leadership pipeline and leadership turnover, CompassPoint (in partnership with The Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Meyer Foundation and Idealist.org) recently surveyed over 5,700 nonprofits. Findings suggest that there are indicators of strength within the leadership pipeline. Despite these promising indicators, we also found that next generation leaders face significant barriers to pursuing executive positions.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2011	Daring to Lead 2011: A National Study of Nonprofit Executive Leadership	This national study on executive directors reports three key findings: a) Though slowed by the recession, executive turnover is still high and succession planning is weak. b) The recession has amplified chronic financial instabilities, increasing anxiety, and frustration with unstable financial models. c) Despite the profound challenges of the role, nonprofit executives remain energized & resolved. 45% reported being very happy in their jobs, and another 46% reported that they have more good days than bad in the role. Levels of burnout, especially given the economic climate, were low; 67% of leaders reported little or no burnout at all.	One-Time

Leadership

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Association of Black Foundation Executives (ABFE)	2014	Exit Interview: Perceptions on Why Black Professionals Leave Grantmaking Institutions	An interview-driven report on recruiting and retaining professionals of color (and especially Black professionals).	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2007	The Leadership Development Program for Women Executives in Underserved Communities Evaluation Findings	CompassPoint partnered with the Missouri Foundation for Health to develop and test a 12-month, intensive leadership learning path tailored to women nonprofit executives. Findings point to the need to develop strategies for supporting and retaining leadership talent in the nonprofit sector.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2011	Departure-Defined Succession Planning: The Seven Essential Elements for a Successful CEO Transition	Thie report provides an overview of seven best practices that reduce the chances of transition challenges and increase the probability of bringing in a successful new leader. The elements for transition success are illustrated with details from the 2010 CEO transition at Community Health Clinic Ole in Napa, California. The paper also includes several publications and tools that boards and staff leaders can access for additional guidance on best practices in succession planning and leadership transitions.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2003	Executive Coaching Project	CompassPoint Nonprofit Services embarked on a 12-month demonstration project of Executive Coaching with 25 Executive Directors in the San Francisco Bay Area. A longitudinal evaluation by Harder + Company studied these new executive directors who worked one-on-one with executive coaches who helped them navigate both personal life issues and organizational leadership matters.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2010	Creative Disruption: Sabbaticals for Capacity Building and Leadership Development in the Nonprofit Sector, January 2010	The study exposes the myth that an executive sabbatical will be a chaotic disruption, finding instead that the creative disruption of a well-planned sabbatical can be productive for the entire leadership of an organization. The report recommends funding sabbaticals as a best practice in philanthropy for extending the tenures of executive directors, for strengthening their second-tier leadership, and for deepening funders' understanding of the challenges faced by nonprofit leaders.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2002	On the Rise: A Profile of Women of Color in Leadership	This study finds that minority leadership is on the rise in nonprofits of all types and sizes, including mainstream organizations. A sample fo 125 women executive directors of color were identified in the San Franscisco area. This study reports on a written survey of 49 of those leaders and draws on in depth interviews. Findings suggest that women of color increasingly hold ED positions in nonprofits of all sizes and types, but may need to be better qualified than their male and white counterparts. In contrast to the general sample, these EDs are better educated, have more experience, and are more likely to have government or for profit experience, as well as more likely to be hired from within.	One-Time

Leadership

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
D5 Coalition	2014	State of the Work: Tackling the Tough Challenges to Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Philanthropy	D5 is a five-year effort to advance philanthropy's diversity, equity, and inclusion. More than a dozen organizations with connections to thousands of grantmakers came together to found the D5 Coalition. D5's 2014 State of the Work is a national survey of diversity among foundation staffs and boards. The 2014 State of the Work also features perspectives and analysis of three thought leaders on DEI issues and their charge to their peers in philanthropy: Ange-Marie Hancock, Associate Professor of Political Science and Gender Studies at the University of Southern California; Todd Vogel, the Managing Director of Loom; and Gerri Spilka, Founding Director of the OMG Center for Collaborative Learning.	Ongoing
D5 Coalition	2014	Philanthropic Paths: An Exploratory Study of the Career Pathways of Professionals of Color in Philanthropy	Building on their annual State of the Work report and a 2009 project from the Council on Foundations, this is a qualitative study on the paths and barriers of executives of color in philanthropy.	One-Time
Foundation Center's Issue Lab	2015	2015 Latino Leadership: Foundation Boards	The report presents data on foundation staff and board diversity and lifts up the perspectives of Latino leaders themselves, based on interviews with 15 current and former board members. The analysis synthesizes interviewees' experiences, highlighting the contributions Latinos bring to the boardroom, the challenges they face, and recommendations for moving forward.	One-Time
Young Nonprofit Professionals Network (YNPN)	2007	Stepping Up, Stepping Out: A Report on the Readiness of Next Generation Nonprofit Leaders	In 2007, YNPN surveyed its then 10,000 members around the country to find out whether young potential leaders were leaving or remaining in their jobs, what preparations and support they needed to take on greater leadership roles, and how to best develop the next generation of leaders to replace the baby boomers. Some 1,657 people completed the survey. The result: Stepping Up, Stepping Out, a YNPN report that identified an exodus of talented nonprofit professionals and called for new answers to frustrations around salary, career paths, and professional development.	One-Time
Young Nonprofit Professionals Network (YNPN)	2011	Good in Theory, Problem in Practice: Younf Professional's View on Popular Leadership Development Strategies	YNPN tested five popular recommendations for increasing talent retention and strengthening emerging leadership in the nonprofit sector via a national survey and focus groups. Good in Theory, Problems in Practice lays out the key findings informed by this research which include: effective implementation is key, structural change is needed, and competitve compensation is key. Recommendations also include involcing young professinoals in decision making, allowing for high impact ideas, and developing staff as if they are the next senior leaders.	One-Time

Philanthropy

State/Regional

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Alliance for Charitable Reform	2012	Charitable Giving Snapshot: Oregon. How America Gives.	This pamphlet is a snapshot of Oregon Giving in 2012 produced by the Alliance for Charitable Reform which is a project of the Philanthropy RoundTable. ACR educated legislators and policy makers about the central role of private giving in American life and the importance of protecting philanthropic giving. This pamphlet provides a brief overview of Oregon giving, Oregon nonprofit employment data, stories of private giving in the arts, the founding of the Birch Community Center, protecting the NW environment and the founding of the Clackamas Community center. It also outlines Oregon's top givers, distribution of foundation grants, and recent large gifts.	One-Time
Association of Fundraising Professionals - Oregon & SW Washington	2014	2014 Philanthropy Trends in Oregon	The intent of the survey report is to provide a picture of what has of 2013 giving in Oregon. Authors report that fundraising is increasing and they extrapolate on what this means for the Oregon sector as we experience a shift in giving. The purposes of this report are to give professional and volunteer nonprofit leaders a snapshot of the regional fundraising landscape and to identify opportunities for fruitful discussion. Topics included are the use of social media, budget and service plans, impact of government cuts, where philanthropic dollars originate, and how the Oregon nonprofit sector can use this information moving forward.	Annual
Foundation Center for Grantmakers of Oregon and SW Washington	2010	Grantmaking to Communities of Color in Oregon	This report, prepared by the Foundation Center at the request of GRANTMAKERS of Oregon and Southwest Washington, examines the extent to which domestically focused grantmaking by Oregon foundations in 2008 reached Oregon's communities of color, and situates this in the context of the state's changing demographics.	One-Time
Philanthropy Northwest	2016*	Trends in Northwest Giving 2016 & Foundation Maps	This will be the sixth edition of our signature report on Northwest philanthropy, which will analyze over 20,000 grants made across six Northwest states. Will provide an interactive grant making data map to serve as a resource to better understand who is funding what and where. In the 5th edition, they explored philanthropy's response to the worst economic crisis in our country since the Great Depression and reported that contributions from foundations and corporations declined over 23% from 2008 to 2010 because of the recession's impact on foundation assets and uncertainty about the future.	Bi-Annual

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Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
The Oregon Community Foundation	2015	Giving in Oregon	Giving in Oregon is an annual report produced by the Oregon Community Foundation that tracks charitable donations to Oregon nonprofits as well as individual giving and volunteering by Oregonians. Highlights from Giving in Oregon 2015 include the following: Charitable contributions to Oregon nonprofits increased slightly in 2013 and totaled $1.76 billion; While Oregon nonprofits reported slightly more contributions in 2013, Oregonians donated less, as a percentage of their income, in 2013 than in 2012. However, across all income groups, Oregonians continue to give more of their income compared with the U.S. as a whole; Between 2010 and 2013, giving as a percentage of income increased in just six of the state's36 counties. While the findings suggest that giving is strong in Oregon compared with the nation as a whole, declines across several indicators suggest a need for continued monitoring and a renewed commitment to the state's nonprofit organizations. Opinion leaders and policy makers must champion the importance of charitable giving, nonprofits must redouble their efforts to secure charitable donations, and individual Oregonians must make a renewed commitment to support the nonprofit organizations that serve the state's most vulnerable populations and enrich daily life for all.	Annual

Philanthropy

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Aspen Institute's Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation	2011	Sunsetting: A Framework for Foundation Life as Well as Death	Sunsetting: A Framework for Foundation Life as Well as Death uses detailed case studies to understand why and how foundations decide to terminate. By discussing the common themes, challenges, and opportunities associated with sunsetting, the report shows how limiting a foundation's life can be a strategy for innovative and effective philanthropy.	One-Time
Foundation Center	2016	Foundation Stats	The Foundation Center's Foundation Stats provides the most comprehensive resource available for generating tables and charts on the size, scope, and giving priorities of the U.S. foundation community	Ongoing
Foundation Center	2016	Philanthropoy and the Social Economy: Blueprint 2016	This annual industry forecast about the ways we use private resources for public benefit. Each year, the Blueprint provides an overview of the current landscape, points to major trends, and directs your attention to horizons where you can expect some important breakthroughs in the coming year. This report outlines some key ideas that matter for nonprofit work in 2016; structure of work, the shape of civil society, and where economic and technological forces are taking the sector. Additionally there is a highlighted section on organizational capacity in digital civil society as well as predictions for 2016.	Unknown
Foundation Center	2012	Key Facts on Corporate Foundations	Report states that giving by the nation's approximately 2,700 grant making corporate foundations grew to an estimated $5.2 billion in 2011, up 6 percent from 2010.1 Adjusted for inflation, corporate foundation giving increased 2.8 percent in the latest year. By comparison, overall foundation giving declined slightly after accounting for inflation. Corporate foundation giving has rebounded more quickly from the economic downturn than giving by independent and community foundations. Despite continued economic volatility, corporate profits have been at record levels, leading corporations to put more resources into their foundations. In 2010, for example, gifts into corporate foundations rose over 36 percent to $5.4 billion. Looking ahead, just over half (53 percent) of corporate foundations responding to the Foundation Center's annual forecasting survey expect their giving to increase in 2012.2 About a third of these funders anticipate giving increases above 10 percent.	Unknown

Philanthropy

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Foundation Center	2012	Key Facts on Community Foundations	Reports estimated giving by U.S. community foundations was basically unchanged in 2011, following a less than 1 percent increase in 2010. Community foundation giving has remained flat for the last three years, hovering at roughly $4.2 billion. Prior to the recent recession, community foundations typically reported faster rates of annual growth in giving than independent or corporate foundations. While it may appear that this trend has reversed in the past couple of years, in reality many community foundations are reporting growth in funding. In fact, community foundations responding to the latest "Foundation Giving Forecast Survey" reported a median increase in 2011 giving of just over 5 percent. However, a handful of the largest community foundations reported substantial reductions, which kept overall giving flat. Community foundations may begin to show stronger overall growth in giving in 2012. According to the Foundation Center's latest "Foundation Giving Forecast Survey," close to half of community foundations (45 percent) anticipate increasing their giving this year. Of these foundations, more than two-fifths estimate giving increases of 10 percent or more	Unknown
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Purdue University Indinapolis, IN	2009	Philanthropy Panel Study: Overview of Overall Giving	This report follows the same families' philanthropic behaviors throughout their lives. The PPS is conducted in conjunction with the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research's Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID), which has surveyed the same households since 1968. The PPS is the only study that surveys giving and volunteering by the same households over time as families mature, face differing economic circumstances and encounter changes in their family size, health and other factors. It also is the only data available that asks families extensively about their wealth and philanthropy as well as income and other relevant factors. Concludes that a number of demographic factors play a role in how much households and individuals give to charity including age, income, wealth, education, location, and marital status.	Bi-Annual (though recent versions missing)
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Purdue University Indinapolis, IN	2015	Giving USA	This is the seminal publication reporting on the sources and uses of charitable giving in the United States. Its research, conducted by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy since 2000, estimates all giving to all charitable organizations across the United States. These national estimates do not show the changes any one organization or geographical region might observe— they calculate total giving by about 53 million households across America, approximately 16 million corporations that claim charitable deductions, over a million estates, and about 82,000 foundations. The donations go to about 1.1 million IRS-registered charities, plus a conservative estimate of 300,000 American religious organizations. The production and release of Giving USA is the result of the collaborative efforts of Giving USA Foundation, a public service initiative of The Giving Institute, and Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.	Annual Report

Philanthropy

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Nonprofit Research Collaborative	2005	Special Report on Fundraising Campaigns: Covering Capital, Endowment, Comprehensive, or Special Campaigns In addition to Charitable Receipts at Nonprofit Organizations in the United States and Canada	In summer 2015, the Nonprofit Research Collaborative asked detailed questions about organizations involvement with capital, endowment, comprehensive, or special campaigns, including questions about if and when any were last run, current engagement with running or planning campaigns , and details about campaigns. The second section of this document shares results about charitable receipts in early 2015, including comparisons across regions, subsectors, and size groupings based on organizational expenditures. The remainder of the report includes deeper detail about fundraising methods used for annual fundraising. The authors compare changes reported by all charities by type of fundraising method or tactic: board giving, special events, major gifts, and so on. This section also includes analysis by subsector for various frequently used fundraising methods. Findings are based on 1,071 survey responses from charities, including 88 from Canada.	One-Time
Oregon Gives Movement	2016	State Leaders and Community Champions Working to Empower Nonprofits and Inspire Individual Giving	This toolkit is a guide with resources, ideas, and stories of the 2015 Oregon Wide Day of Giving. The Oregonians Give Movement was managed utilizing the hub and spoke model of management and its operations are laid out in this toolkit. This report represents the work of a team of individuals and organizations that gave time, resources, and expertise to the movement and outlines the strategic planning process around the Oregon Day of Giving.	One-Time

Philanthropy

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Blackbaud / Convio	2010	THE NEXT GENERATION OF AMERICAN GIVING A study on the multichannel preferences and charitable habits of Generation Y, Generation X, Baby Boomers and Matures	The findings of this report were developed from the results of an online survey of 1,526 self-reported donors between January 20 and 28, 2010, and three focus groups held in December 2009. Fundraising is profoundly multichannel and "channel hopping" is common. Donation causation may be impossible to track and ROI reporting will continue to be more difficult and possibly less important. The donor databases need to evolve to be able to track all channels and interactions. Direct mail & telemarketing aren't dead - suggestion that younger donors might be more receptive to mail than Boomers. Social networks and mobile fundraising impact and role is still evolving and not defined. It's not too early to be courting Gen Ys, but the really significant value lies with Gen X and Boomers.	One-Time
Compass Point	No Date	UnderDeveloped: A National Study of Challenges Facing Nonprofit Fundraising	The newly released study UnderDeveloped: A National Study of Challenges Facing Nonprofit Fundraising reveals that many nonprofits are stuck in a vicious cycle that threatens their ability to raise the resources they need to succeed. A joint project of CompassPoint and the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, the report found high levels of turnover and lengthy vacancies in development director positions throughout the sector. More significantly, the study reveals deeper issues that contribute to instability in the development director role, including a lack of basic fundraising systems and inadequate attention to fund development among key board and staff leaders.	One-Time
Center for Disaster Philanthropy	2015	2015 Measuring the State of Disaster Philanthropy: Data to Drive Decisions	The Center for Disaster Philanthropy is proud to partner with Foundation Center, the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide, to present this interactive dashboard, which provides an analysis of disaster-related funding by foundations, governments, corporations, and individuals. The data presented here illuminate funding trends, expose some of the imbalances in where and when contributions are made, and can help donors make more strategic decisions about their investments in the full life cycle of disasters, including preparedness and recovery efforts.	Annual
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund	2009	Volunteerism and Charitable Giving in 2009	Americans who volunteer their time and skills to nonprofit organizations donate an average of 10 times more money to charity than people who don't volunteer, according to this study from Fidelity® Charitable Gift Fund and VolunteerMatch.	One-Time

Philanthropy

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Foundation Center	2016	Get on the Map Campaign	The "Get on the Map" campaign is a partnership of the Forum for Regional Association of Grantmakers and Foundation Center. It is a new data-sharing initiative dedicated to boosting the quality and availability of fresh, detailed grantmaking data across the Forum Network. Through this partnership, regional associations of grantmakers can run their own peer-led campaigns to recruit members to share grants data using Foundation Center's eReporting Standard. The data is then centralized at Foundation Center and made freely accessible to all members in the region through the Foundation Maps platform — a highly interactive and searchable mapping tool. Foundation Maps will provide complete and up-to-date answers to questions like: Who else is funding a particular issue in our region? What organizations are tackling that issue? Where are the funding gaps? Who may be natural collaborators?	Ongoing
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy - Women's Philanthropy Institute	2015	Women's Giving	Women Give 2015 investigates whether the sex of a first-born child affects parents' charitable giving. Generosity is learned by people as they relate to others in schools, community settings, religious organizations, and the workplace. It is also learned within the family. Research has shown that parents influence their children in many ways, including how to be generous. This study shifts the framework of thinking from the current focus on "parents influencing the development of their child's generosity" to also include "children affecting their parents' generosity."	Annual
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Purdue University Indinapolis, IN	2009	Study of High Net Worth Philanthropy	The Study of High Net Worth Philanthropy biannually examines the giving patterns, priorities, and attitudes of America's wealthiest households. The 2014 study is the fifth in a series written and researched by the school in partnership with Bank of America. These studies, the first of which was issued in 2006, have set the benchmark for research on the giving practices of high net worth households. New research themes in 2012 included donor strategies, giving outcomes, and donors' sensibilities concerning the economic and political landscape of the time.	Bi-Annual
Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Purdue University Indinapolis, IN	2009	Million Dollar List	The Million Dollar List is a record of publicly announced charitable gifts of $1 million or more given by U.S. residents, corporations, private foundations, and other grant making nonprofits to domestic or international entities across a range of charitable subsectors since 2000. Updated on an ongoing basis, this searchable online database contains information on donor characteristics, amounts given, donor and recipient locations, specific subsectors to which gifts were given, and additional descriptive information where possible. Interactive charts and maps present graphic representations of key aspects of the data.	Ongoing

Philanthropy

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Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Purdue University Indinapolis, IN	2009	Disaster Philanthropy	The school has collected and tracked extensive data on disaster philanthropy from U.S. individuals, corporations, foundations, and nonprofit organizations to major domestic and overseas disasters since 2001, including the September 11th attacks, the 2004 Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and the Pakistan earthquake in 2005, the 2010 Haitian earthquake, the Japanese earthquake and subsequent tsunami in 2011, Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and the 2013 Philippine Typhoon Haiyan. All publicly reported gifts of $1 million or more for disaster relief are also recorded in the school's Million Dollar List	Ongoing
The Media Impact Funders	2016	Resource	Media Impact Funders (formerly Grantmakers in Film + Electronic Media) is a network of funders, working broadly on media and technology issues, in order to create social change. We serve as a learning resource for grantmakers interested in using media to further their missions; a catalyst for philanthropic partnership and networking; and a convener to advance media and technology focused philanthropy. Media Impact Funders is an affinity group, with members representing foundations, government agencies, donor affinity groups, philanthropic advisors, and individual donors.	Ongoing
The Millenial Impact & Achieve Research	2015	Giving Tuesday 2015: Attracting Millenial Donors	This report is presented and researched by Achieve, the researchers behind the Millennial Impact Project, the most comprehensive and trusted study of the Millennial generation (born 1980-2000) and their involvement with causes. As a rather young movement, and though #GivingTuesday itself has been researched, no one has extensively looked into the topic of how Millennials respond or get involved in this day of giving. Thus, the purpose of this evaluation is to understand the charitable giving behaviors of Millennials on #GivingTuesday. This analysis was completed in two phases: strategy and tactic analysis, and campaign performance and analysis. The evaluation uses both quantitative (surveys) and qualitative (interviews and observations) approaches in collecting and analyzing data. The findings from this report suggest two very important trends: #GivingTuesday, by some, has become the default start of the giving season and organizations are using donor-centric messaging to emotionally elevate potential donors' abilities to affect change.	One-Time
Urban Institute	2012	The Nonprofit Research Collaborative Special Report: Enaging Board Members in Fundraising	Nonprofit Research Collaborative (NRC) finds a statistically significant relationship between active fundraising by nonprofit board members and the nonprofit reaching its fundraising goals. Sixty percent of organizations where board members help with fundraising met their 2011 fundraising goals, compared with just 53 percent of nonprofits without board member engagement. This study also debunks a common perception that board members help an organization meet its fundraising goal through their own giving. Board member gifts were required at 57 percent of the responding charitable organizations but these gifts made up 10 percent or less of total charitable receipts at most organizations.	One-Time

Volunteerism

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Portland State University	2016*	Oregon Volunteerism Report	Researchers at the Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services at Portland State University are currently preparing to administer an electronic survey to a sample of nonprofits statewide, to assess volunteer engagement practices and needs. They will also be conducting a series of stakeholder interviews and completing up to 3 case studies of nonprofit organizations later this Spring.	One-Time
Oregon Community Foundation	2008	Boomers and Babies: Engaging Boomer-age Volunteers in Oregon's System of Early Care and Education	This report identifies opportunities and constraints to engage older adults, specifically Baby Boomers (aged 55–65) in meaningful work (as volunteers or employees) to improve Oregon's system of early childhood education and care. As requested by the Oregon Community Foundation, a team of Oregon State University researchers1 conducted multiple focus groups and key informant interviews to examine three key questions related to five areas of interest to the Foundation (parenting supports, early literacy, work force, advocacy, and early childhood facility infrastructure).	One-Time

*forthcoming

Volunteerism

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Oregon Volunteers (for use by AARP)	2010	Connecting and Giving: A Report on How Mid-life and Older Americans Spend Their Time, Make Connections and Build Communities	This report represents the results of a telephone survey of several generations of Americans on volunteering time, giving, and civic engagement activities. They surveyed 1,475 Americans over 45 years of age, as well as 500 members of Generation X for comparative purposes. Assessment included how people spend their time when not at work, what organizations they belong to, what civic activities they are involved in beyond voting, and the ways they help others through voluntary action.	One-Time
Corporation for National and Community Service	2015	Volunteering and Civic Life in America 2015	This is an annual comprehensive look at volunteering and civic life in the 50 states and 51 cities across the country. Data includes volunteer rates and rankings, civic engagement trends, and analysis. The report notes that Oregon has the highest volunteer rate for millennials The Portland metropolitan area also saw an increase in volunteerism among Millennials, making it 2nd in the nation among the 51 largest cities. They note that about 1 in 3 Oregonians volunteers and boast an average of 42.1 volunteers per resident. Data is collected through two supplemental surveys to the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the Volunteer Supplement and the Civic Supplement. The CPS is a monthly survey of about 60,000 households, (approximately 100,000 adults) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics.	Annual
Independent Sector	2015	The Value of Volunteer Time	This report documents the value of volunteer time calculated from the2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics data. This estimate helps acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Charitable organizations can use this estimate to quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, about 62.6 million Americans, or 25.4 percent of the adult population, gave 7.7 billion hours of volunteer service worth $173 billion in 2013. Included in this report is a state by state breakdown including Oregon. Oregon receives $77 billion in annual revenue and Oregon foundations give over $389 million annually, whereas Oregonians give $2 billion to charity each year representing 4.6 percent of household income. The report on Oregon also breaks down employment by nonprofit industry.	Annual

Volunteerism

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Corporation for National and Community Service	2006	Volunteer Growth in America: A Review of Trends Since 1974	Volunteer Growth in America: A Review of Trends Since 1974, provides an in-depth look at volunteering over the past 30 years, with particular attention paid to changing historical volunteer patterns by select age groups. Like other studies in the Corporation's "Volunteering in America" series, the findings in this report are based on data collected annually since 2002 by the U.S. Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics in a volunteer supplement to the Current Population Survey, a comprehensive and scientifically rigorous survey of 60,000 American households. Unlike past studies, however, the report also analyzes data on volunteering collected by the Census Bureau in 1974 and 1989.	One-Time
Corporation for National and Community Service	2007	Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research	This research review the literature and research on the health benefits of volunteering which demonstrates that older volunteers are likely to receive physical and mental health benefits from volunteering. This report documents some of the major findings from studies that look at the relationship between health and volunteering, with particular emphasis on those studies that seek to determine the causal relationship between these two factors. These studies ask whether volunteering actually leads to improved health, or simply that healthy individuals are more likely to volunteer. While it is undoubtedly the case that better health leads to continued volunteering, these studies demonstrate that volunteering also leads to improved physical and mental health. Thus they are part of a self-reinforcing cycle.	One-Time
Corporation for National and Community Service	2007	Keeping Baby Boomers Volunteering: A Research Brief on Volunteer Retention and Turnover	Baby Boomers—the generation of 77 million Americans born between 1946 and 1964—represent a potential boost to the volunteer world, not only because of the sheer size of the generation but also because of its members' high levels of education, wealth, and skills. Based on U.S. Census data, the number of volunteers age 65 and older will increase 50 percent over the next 13 years, from fewer than 9 million in 2007 to more than 13 million in 2020. This report purports that harnessing Baby Boomers' skills and accommodating their expectations will be critical to solving a wide range of social problems in the years ahead. If the nonprofit community can rethink how to utilize Baby Boomers as volunteers, turnover will be kept to a minimum and the greatest number of Boomers will remain engaged in their communities.	One-Time

Volunteerism

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Corporation for National and Community Service	2007	College Students Helping America: An Exectuive Summary	To identify key trends in college student volunteering and to understand their implications for growing volunteering among college students, the Corporation has produced a new report, titled College Students Helping America. The report analyzes data collected from 2002 to 2005 as part of the Current Population Survey (CPS), a comprehensive and scientifically rigorous survey of 60,000 American households conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. With the Corporation's support, the Census Bureau has administered a volunteer supplement to the CPS each September since 2002. For the purposes of this analysis, college students were defined as individuals between 16 and 24 years of age who, at the time of the survey, were enrolled in a post-secondary higher education institution.	One-Time
Corporation for National and Community Service	2013	Volunteering as a Pathway to Employment: Does Volunteering Increase Odds of Finding a Job for the Out of Work?	While economists have studied numerous strategies for unemployed persons to increase their chances of finding employment through activities such as acquiring additional training or education, there is little empirical literature to date on the extent to which volunteering can serve to maximize one's chances of finding employment. This paper aims to fill this critical gap by using statistical techniques to test the hypothesis that volunteering is associated with an increased likelihood of finding employment for individuals out of work. This research shows that volunteerism is associated with 27% higher odds of employment.	One-Time
e-Volunteerism	2015	What Can Organizations Do To Allievate Volunteer Stress?	Volunteer stress is an important topic. While there are a good number of studies looking at this in terms of implications for the volunteer's health and well-being, this quarter's Research to Practice reviews exploratory research that analyzes the issue from an organizational perspective. Gathered from a sample of attendees at the Australian National Volunteering Conference in 2013, the data provides insights into sources and causes of volunteer stress, organizational responses, and desired organizational support. According to this exploratory study, a "wide range of volunteer stressors" appear to be "firmly within the purview of organizations to manage and ameliorate."	One-Time

Volunteerism

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e-Volunteerism	2016	Moving Beyond Program: Developping a Volunteer Engagement Strategic Plan	Those who manage, lead, or work alongside volunteers often give advice to their teams, and may be surprised and perhaps frustrated when it's not acted upon. This can happen both in situations where volunteers have a lot of independence and authority to act on their own, but also when we try to encourage less experienced volunteers to make their own decisions. In turn, volunteers may offer us helpful advice. Do we always receive it well? In this feature article, author Kirsty McDowell explores why understanding the 'psychology of giving and receiving advice' can help volunteer managers improve volunteer leadership practices and encourage people to act on their advice.	One-Time
e-Volunteerism	2016	Falling on Dead Ears: The Psychology of Giving Advice	Those who manage, lead, or work alongside volunteers often give advice to their teams, and may be surprised and perhaps frustrated when it's not acted upon. This can happen both in situations where volunteers have a lot of independence and authority to act on their own, but also when we try to encourage less experienced volunteers to make their own decisions. In turn, volunteers may offer us helpful advice. Do we always receive it well? In this feature article, author Kirsty McDowell explores why understanding the 'psychology of giving and receiving advice' can help volunteer managers improve volunteer leadership practices and encourage people to act on their advice.	One-Time
International Journal of Volunteer Admininstration	2015	Online "Jams" as a Tool for Professional Development and Community Engagement	This paper describes a teaching project that involved graduate students in nonprofit studies at the LBJ School of Public Affairs in a community engagement "crowdsourcing" effort focused on the topic of short-term volunteering. Students were responsible for organizing a one-day online brainstorming session, called a "jam," in which geographically dispersed participants contributed to a 12-hour online discussion related to the topic with input from experts in the field. Based on a model developed by IBM, jams are sponsored by a variety of organizations around the world to engage virtual communities in online conversations on topics as diverse as global security and video game design. Major goals of the project were to have students explore this topic in volunteerism in depth and to provide experience for future nonprofit professionals in the design and management of community engagement events. Potential applications for similar events are discussed in the context of extending professional development and networking options for nonprofit capacity building and collaboration.	One-Time
RGK Center	2013	Challenges in Volunteer Resource Management	Challenges in Volunteer Resource Management, an article by the RGK Center's Margaret Moore and Dr. Sarah Jane Rehnborg, was published in the December 2013 issue of the International Journal of Volunteer Administration. The paper presents findings of a study to identify top challenges in volunteer resource management based on surveys of stakeholders at diverse nonprofit organizations. Identifying meaningful volunteer roles, recruiting a sufficient number of volunteers, and recruiting volunteers with particular skill sets were reported as the three top challenges. Some differences between larger and smaller organizations in terms of both recruitment and management challenges were indicated. In addition, identified challenges varied based on the organizational role of the respondent.	One-Time

Volunteerism

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Stanford Social Innovation Review	2009	The New Volunteer Workforce	This report documents the mismanagement of volunteers by nonprofits. They claim that as a result we lose more than one third yearly which is an estimated loss of $38 billion in lost labor. They call for a strategic approach to volunteer management which includes training and investment in volunteer talent, rethinking strong leadership, rethinking work roles, creating bonding experiences, supporting and training volunteers, using new technology, developing strategic volunteer plans, and attracting new waves of volunteer talent.	One-Time
Stanford Social Innovation Review	2009	Volunteer Management Practices and Retention of Volunteers	This report is the second in a series of briefs on a 2003 survey of volunteer management capacity among public charities in the United States. It focuses on charities' adoption of nine volunteer management practices: supervision and communication, liability coverage, screening and matching, regular collection of volunteer numbers and hours written policies and job descriptions, recognition activities, measurement of volunteer impacts, training and professional development, and training for paid staff in working with volunteers. We report on the extent of adoption of these practices by charities with different characteristics, and the relationship between volunteer management practices and retention of volunteers.	One-Time Multi-Part Series
United Healthcare	2010	Volunteer Match Do Good Live Well Study	In order to educate the public about volunteering and its associated benefits, UnitedHealthcare® partnered with Volunteer Match to gather insights on the power of volunteering on personal well-being.	One-Time

General Nonprofit

State/Regional

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Portland State University Institue of Nonprofit Management	2014	The Oregon Nonprofit Sector Report: The State of the Nonprofit Sector in Oregon	This comprehensive report examines the sector as a whole—including a description of the size and scope of the sector (e.g., number of organizations, expenditures, regional distribution, number of employees and volunteers, regional distribution of volunteers, forms of volunteering, number of foundations); the current condition of nonprofits (e.g., clues about their economic viability and social relevance, relative health in key areas such as leadership, fundraising, outlook); and the contributions, social impact, and future of Oregon's nonprofit sector. To compile this report, the team developed and executed a survey instrument that collected data from over 600 participating nonprofit leaders/organizations comprising a representative sample for regional and subsector distribution of nonprofits. The team also analyzed and interpreted data on Oregon's 10,429 actively filing public charities listed in the Oregon Department of Justice database and compared it with data on Oregon's tax-exempt organizations as well as with data in other state of the nonprofit sector reports to identify gaps, inconsistencies, and best practices.	One-Time
The Nonprofit Association of Oregon	2014	Oregon's Nonprofit Sector in Brief Report	In November of 2014, the five state associations serving nonprofits in the Northwest collaborated on a joint data collection and analysis effort to gauge the organizational health and practices of nonprofits. From those survey findings, NAO has produced The Oregon's Nonprofit Sector in Brief, providing an overview of key indicators. Overall, the five state nonprofit survey gathered data from a wide cross-section of nonprofits throughout the Pacific Northwest. The survey includes information from organizations serving different subsectors, working in both urban and rural locations, with small and large budgets, and those who are members of the statewide capacity building groups and those who are not. This variety - and the fact that there are more than 1,200 surveys in the sample - enhances the credibility of the findings and facilitates comparisons of the responses. Three key themes emerged from our analysis of these results: Policy work- Both members and larger organizations place greater importance on policy work and feel that they have a greater voice in the policy making process. Second, Rural and urban groups surprisingly had similar responses to the survey questions. There is an exception, though, concerning the availability of data rural groups have access to when designing their programs. Finally, on collaboration, the average ratings for collaboration, especially with business and government, were consistently among the lowest in the survey findings. This relatively negative view toward collaboration among all respondents provides an opportunity to help develop, build and lead collaborative solutions for state or regional problems. The lower responses for collaboration are particularly intriguing given the growing emphasis on collective impact within philanthropy. Although funders may be seeking more collective and collaborative solutions, the results from this survey suggest that nonprofits do not share this enthusiasm.	Annual

General Nonprofit

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Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO)	2015	Principles for Good Governance and Ethical Practice	The Nonprofit Association of Oregon has partnered with Independent Sector in the dissemination of the Principles for Good Governance and Ethical Practice as a means to provide a strong guide for private foundations and public charities that aspire to high standards of governance and ethical practice. We join in encouraging board and staff leaders of every charitable organization to examine these principles carefully and determine how best they should be applied to their own operations.	Annual

General Nonprofit

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Arizona State University	2016	Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation	The Lodestar Center builds the capacity of the social sector by enhancing the effectiveness of those who lead, manage, and support nonprofit organizations. Through research, education, and outreach activities, the ASU Lodestar Center enhances the effectiveness of those who govern, manage, provide programs and services, volunteer for, and support nonprofit organizations. They provide a repository of research on various nonprofit topics.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2007	Cultural Competence in Capacity Building	This report delves into the definition of culturally –based capacity building, presenting three field experiences in which this framework was applied. CompassPoint's paper discusses the relationship between improving cultural competency and improving organizational effectiveness. It also describes a capacity building approach to improving cultural competency in an organization where systems issues are dealt with through the lens of multicultural organizational development.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2002	Help Wanted: Turnover and Vacancy in Nonprofits	This study of more than 400 nonprofit organizations quantifies the position vacancy challenge at nonprofits and highlights the characteristics of the problem.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2010	Multicultural Organizational Development in Nonprofit Organizations: Lessons from the Cultural Competence Learning Initiative	The report identifies 5 elements for sustaining a process of multicultural organizational change: alighment & investment of organizational players; leadership development; shifting ucltural norms; articulating & codifying assumptions & committments, and clarifying responsibility & authority for moving the process forward. The report also includes 5 recommendations / lessons from the project: pay attention to acknolwedging & building upon organization's history with cultural copetence; balancing the interneral development & work of th team with the need to engage the entire staff and maintain transparency and momentum; don't let resisters set the pace for progress; courageous conversations will offer opportunities for learning & growth. Finally, impacts of organzations who undertake multicultural development work include: increased multicultural capacity of staff, increased language capacity, and overall stronger relationships with clients/community.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2011	Next Generation Organizations: 9 Key Traits - January 2011	This report offers characteristics of two specific nonprofits —the Mutual Assistance Network and Justice Matters—that demonstrate how next generation leaders are transforming their organizations to operate in a fundamentally different way to raise the bar on mission impact. The list of characteristics is not comprehensive and a next generation organization would not necessarily demonstrate every characteristic, but it would likely embody a number of these nine key traits: Impact Driven; Finance and Business Savvy; Continuous Learning; Shared Leadership; Wired for Policy Advocacy; Multicultural and Culturally Competent; Ambiguous Work-Life Boundaries; Constituents as Thought Partners, and Boards as Value Add.	One-Time

General Nonprofit

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Independent Sector	2014	General Scope of the Nonprofit Sector	This website documents general findings about the state of the nonprofit sector including sector impact, scope, volunteerism, and economic impact nationwide.	Ongoing
Independent Sector	2012	Economic Impact of the Nonprofit Sector	Outlines the nonprofit community's enormous contributor to the American economy: It provided 5.4% of the nation's entire GDP or $887.3 billion to the U.S. economy in 2012. Report is broken into subcategories; employment, foundation giving, and nonprofit financials.	Unknown
Independent Sector's Threads Project	2015	Threads Insights from the Nonprofit Community	In the spring of 2015, Independent Sector partnered with more than 80 organizations to launch Threads, an intensive series of community conversations held across the country. Threads brought together a diverse cross-section of leaders from organizations of every size and mission.Report divided into the following sections: Society-Level Trends and Challenges, Challenges Facing the Charitable Sector, Solutions to Challenges Facing the Sector, and Recommended Roles for Independent Sector.	One-Time
National Conference on Citizenship	2016	Resource	The National Conference on Citizenship (NCoC) is a congressionally chartered organization dedicated to strengthening civic life in America. They pursue their mission through a nationwide network of partners involved in a cutting-edge civic health initiative and our cross-sector conferences. At the core of their joint efforts is the belief that every person has the ability to help their community and country thrive. They provide numerous special, national, state, and city on topics of interest including civic health, Latino youth engagement, Millennial engagement, and general civic health.	Ongoing
Nonprofit Finance Fund	2015	State of the Sector Survey	NFF's 2015 State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey focuses on the underlying causes of these dynamics by exploring the programmatic, financial, and operational issues facing nonprofits across the U.S. We launched the Survey in 2008, when economic crisis threatened the viability of many organizations. Seven years later, results from 5,451 respondents show some indications of recovery, stabilization, and growth. Nonprofits are adding jobs, engaging in strategic conversations such as leadership succession planning, and looking to retain their workforce. Yet as they raise their sights from the focus on short-term crisis, many are confronting the troubling reality that current practices cannot sustain organizations in the long-term or meet the needs of the communities they serve now. Many organizations have stumbled out of crisis looking to make the necessary investments to secure their long-term future. And it is a hard road ahead.	Annual

General Nonprofit

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The Urban Institute's Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy	2015	The Nonprofit Sector in Brief 2015: Public Charities, Giving, and Volunteering	"The Nonprofit Sector in Brief 2015 uses the most recent data available to highlight significant trends in the nonprofit sector. Each year, The Nonprofit Sector in Brief presents key information on the number and finances of 501(c)3 public charities as well as findings regarding two critical resources for the sector: private charitable contributions and volunteering. This edition, updated for 2015, presents data from 2003 to 2013. "	Annual

Practical Tools

Source	Year	Report Title	Summary	Freq.
Columbia-Willamette United Way	2014	Columbia-Willamette Community Strengthening Partner: Learning Framework Toolkit.	United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's (UWCW) strategic investments to break the cycle of childhood poverty are ambitious. Within these investments is a new approach to the issue – joining together an array of grantees to set high goals and to work cohesively for social change. This Learning Framework has been created to capture our full experiences – that of each of the grantees and that of their collective involvement as a Learning Community. Accordingly, there are six domains that highlight the evaluation elements of these investments. This toolkit aims to provide a basis of understanding to grantees, funders and community members of how UWCW will be evaluating partners' success in breaking the cycle of poverty.	Ongoing

Practical Tools

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Aspen Institute's Program on Philanthropy and Social Innovation	2011	Foundation Sunset: A Decision-Making Guide	Foundation Sunset: A Decision-Making Guide is a practical companion piece drawing on the case studies that shows how donors and trustees can use sunsetting as a philanthropic strategy consistent with their values, circumstances, and motivations. The report serves as a useful guide to help donors and trustees design a blueprint for shutting down.	One-Time
BoardSource	2016	Resource	BoardSource is a national organization working to strengthen nonprofit board leadership. They engage with and support a community of more than 115,000 individuals committed to creating positive change in their communities through effective board service. Their Learning Center includes a bookstore, hundreds of downloadable resources, and a calendar of live and online training programs on how good governance can shape an organization's missions, finances and strategic direction.	Ongoing
Center for Civil Society Studies at Johns Hopkins University	2016	Nonprofit Economic Data Project	The Johns Hopkins Nonprofit Economic Data Project (NED) is generating critical new information on the dynamics of the nonprofit sector by analyzing diverse datasets on nonprofit organizations, including data on nonprofit finances, employment and wages, and volunteering	Ongoing
Center for Disaster Philanthropy	2016	Resource	CDP's mission is to transform disaster giving by providing timely and thoughtful strategies to increase donors' impact during domestic and international disasters. With an emphasis on recovery and disaster risk reduction, CDP aims to: Increase the effectiveness of contributions given to disasters; Bring greater attention to the life cycle of disasters, from preparedness and planning, to relief, to rebuilding and recovery efforts; Provide timely and relevant advice from experts with deep knowledge of disaster philanthropy; Conduct due diligence so donors can give with confidence; and Create plans for informed giving for individuals, corporations and foundations. They provide up to date research on disaster philanthropy including the 2015 State of Disaster Philanthropy Report.	Ongoing
Center for Nonprofit Stewardship	2016	Resource Library	The Center for Nonprofit Stewardship is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that educates and empowers nonprofit board members in sound financial, administrative and organizational stewardship. Their resource library contains subject matter designed specifically for nonprofit organizations.	Ongoing

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Foundation Center	2016	Get on the Map Campaign	The "Get on the Map" campaign is a partnership of the Forum for Regional Association of Grantmakers and Foundation Center. It is a new data-sharing initiative dedicated to boosting the quality and availability of fresh, detailed grantmaking data across the Forum Network. Through this partnership, regional associations of grantmakers can run their own peer-led campaigns to recruit members to share grants data using Foundation Center's eReporting Standard. The data is then centralized at Foundation Center and made freely accessible to all members in the region through the Foundation Maps platform — a highly interactive and searchable mapping tool. Foundation Maps will provide complete and up-to-date answers to questions like: Who else is funding a particular issue in our region? What organizations are tackling that issue? Where are the funding gaps? Who may be natural collaborators?	Ongoing
Foundation Center	2016	Collaboration Hub	The Collaboration Hub serves as a home to vast resources related to collaboration in the social sector. This Hub includes valuable publications, questions and answers, links to videos and podcasts, blog posts, and a comprehensive, searchable collection of 650+ profiles of vetted collaborations submitted for the Collaboration Prize in 2009 and 2011.	Ongoing
GuideStar	2016	Resource Webiste	GuideStar's Mission is to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. GuideStar gathers and disseminates information about every single IRS-registered nonprofit organization. They provide as much information as we can about each nonprofit's mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, governance, and much more. They are a 501(c)(3) public charity that collects, organizes, and presents the information in an easy-to-understand format while remaining neutral.	Ongoing
Johnson Center	2016	The Foundation Review Journal	The Foundation Review is the first peer-reviewed journal of philanthropy, written by and for foundation staff and boards and those who work with them. With a combination of rigorous research and accessible writing, it can help you and your team put new ideas and good practices to work for more effective philanthropy	Ongoing
Johnson Center for Philanthropy	2016	Resource	The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy is a university-based center leading a systems-based, comprehensive approach to serving nonprofits, foundations, and others seeking to transform their communities for the public good. They provide nonprofit support, and research foundation services.	Ongoing

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National Center for Charitable Statistics	2016	General Website	This website publishes and disseminates high quality data on nonprofit organizations and their activities for use in research on the relationships between the nonprofit sector, government, the commercial sector, and the broader civil society.	Ongoing
Network for Good	2016	Digital Giving Index	Network for Good created the Digital Giving Index to provide insights on charitable giving for nonprofits seeking to strengthen relationships with donors and companies seeking to engage with consumers and employees. The Digital Giving Index examines giving behavior across Network for Good's online donation platform. This Index builds on data and observations from The Online Giving Study, created in 2010, and is updated regularly to provide snapshots of the state of online giving.	Ongoing
NTEN	2016	The State of the Nonprofit Cloud	At the end of 2015, NTEN partnered with Microsoft Philanthropies to conduct research to get a better sense of the cloud services being used by nonprofits, fears or struggles around using the cloud, and plans for potential expansion.	Ongoing
NTEN	2016	Digital Adoption Report	NTEN and Mobile Citizen produced the Digital Adoption Report, which provides benchmarks and qualitative data about online technology and digital inclusion efforts among nonprofits and the communities that they serve. What they learned: Nearly 60% of respondents indicate that constituents need Internet access to participate in their services. Not surprisingly, all respondents identify the Internet as a critical business tool to get the work done.	Ongoing
NTEN	2016	Resource	NTEN aspires to a world where all nonprofit organizations use technology skillfully and confidently to meet community needs and fulfill their missions. They are the membership organization of nonprofit technology professionals. Their members share the common goal of helping nonprofits use all aspects of technology more effectively. NTEN believes that technology allows nonprofits to work with greater social impact and they enable their members to strategically use technology to make the world a better, just, and equitable place. NTEN facilitates the exchange of knowledge and information within our community connecting members to each other, providing professional development opportunities, educating their constituency on issues of technology use in nonprofits, and spearheading groundbreaking research, advocacy, and education on technology issues affecting our entire community.	Ongoing

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ProPublica	2016	Nonprofit Explorer	This database can be used to search over 1.8 million tax returns from tax-exempt organizations and see financial details such as their executive compensation and revenue and expenses. You can browse raw IRS data released since 2013 and access over 8.3 million tax filing documents going back as far as 2001.	Ongoing
Reimagining Service	2015	Database	Reimagining Service was established in 2009 as a time-bound campaign to increase social impact through effective volunteer engagement across all sectors. They were designed with the intent of bringing new insight, information and people into the conversation regarding volunteer engagement, but planned to exit once the work was seeded. Over the past five years, Reimagining Service has sought to "convert good intentions into greater impact" and has inspired new research and practices as well as several initiatives that have changed the way organizations from all sectors are engaging volunteers, including the Civic 50 and the Nonprofit Service Enterprise Initiative. They provide impact reports and tools for the nonprofit, public, and business sectors.	Through 2015
RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service	2016	Online Data Repository	The RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service turns students and practitioners into changemakers who transform communities. Today's nonprofits are being called upon to make sustainable impact on complex social issues that span systems, sectors, and nations. Through innovation and engagement with diverse communities, the RGK Center prepares nonprofit and philanthropic leaders to answer that call. Our research addresses pressing issues in philanthropy, nonprofit management, social entrepreneurship, and global civil society. We train students through our university-wide graduate program in nonprofit studies and we engage the world of practice through executive education programs tailored to the needs of seasoned professionals in the field. As you explore the RGK Center, you will see that our collective work, ranging from our graduate courses offerings to our international exchange programs to our new books and publications, is all focused on helping the nonprofit leaders of today and tomorrow make informed and innovative contributions to the public good.	Ongoing
RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service	2016	Community Engagement Index (CEI)	The Community Engagement Index or CEI is an empirically validated assessment tool specifically designed to measure a nonprofit's community engagement capacity across five dimensions of organizational practice—leadership culture, community collaboration, accountability, resources for engagement, and marketing and communication. The CEI evaluates a nonprofit's ability to attract and strategically place volunteers and initiate and manage dynamic inter-organizational partnerships and community collaborations. Organizations with high CEI ratings are those that are best able to leverage resources, expand networks, build community goodwill, and engage funders and key constituents. This research has shown links between community engagement and factors that affect financial stability.	Ongoing

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ServiceLeader.org (Operated by RGK Center & LBJ School of Public Affairs at University of Texas)	2016	Resources	Serviceleader.org provides the basics to best practice, and is designed to provide high-quality information about how to build better nonprofits. Based on expertise and investigations in the field of volunteerism, Service Leader's current research is focused on community engagement, linking what is known about volunteers and volunteer management to ongoing inquiry on the qualities and operational practices of organizations that truly engage and strengthen communities. This site is operated by the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service in the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin.	Ongoing
Stanford Social Innovation Review	2016	DataBase and Journal	Stanford Social Innovation Review (SSIR) informs and inspires millions of social change leaders from around the world and from all sectors of society—nonprofits, business, and government. With webinars, conferences, magazines, online articles, podcasts, and more, SSIR bridges research, theory, and practice on a wide range of topics, including human rights, impact investing, and nonprofit business models. SSIR is published by the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at Stanford University.	Ongoing

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Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland State University	2010	Unsettling Profile Research Series	This report compiles existing data that informs decision making in Multnomah County inadequately captures the lived experiences of communities of color. Rarely do existing reports include dimensions of race and ethnicity. Much research has been undertaken without the involvement of those most affected by the decisions guided by the research. The impact is that communities of color are rarely visible at the level of policy. Data has been used to obscure and oppress rather than to empower communities and eliminate disparities. This is not acceptable, and leads to inequitable policy and devastating outcomes for people of color. "Communities of Color in Multnomah County: An Unsettling Profile" is the first of a series of reports developed in partnership with Portland State University. The report documents the experiences of communities of color in Multnomah County. The subsequent six reports will be community - specific reports on the African American, African immigrant and refugee, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latino, Native American and Slavic communities. It is aimed at ensuring that the experiences of communities of color are widely available for policymakers, advocates, researchers, educators, and grant writers.	One-Time
DHM Research and Policy Interactive Research	2013	Oregon Values and Beliefs Project.	The Oregon Values and Beliefs Project serves a multitude of purposes, perhaps most important—is to provide information to policymakers and interest groups about regular Oregonians and how they really feel about the most fundamental issues of the day. The political discourse of our state, and our nation, is often driven by presumptions about public attitudes. The goal of this project is to test the validity of some of these presumptions. This project was sponsored by: The Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon Public Broadcasting, Oregon State University, and DHM Research.	One-Time
Business Innovation Institute, Lundquist College of Business, and University of Oregon	2014	Oregon Capital Scan: A Line is Drawn	The purpose of the Oregon Capital Scan: A Line is Drawn report is to build upon the foundational work performed in 2011-12 which resulted in the Oregon Capital Scan: A Developing Ecosystem report. This update of the report is meant to be a second data point in the ongoing tracking of capital availability in the State, thus with a second point, a line can be drawn identifying a trend. Published in March of 2012, the first version of the report determined, through an exhaustive set of qualitative interviews, some of the major gaps in the capital ecosystem in the State. Gaps identified were: (1) Seed Stage Capital gap; (2) Growth Capital for Bootstrapped Businesses gap; (3) Clean Technology gap; (4) Life Sciences gap; (5) Growth and Turnaround Capital gap; (6) Working Capital for Growth of Small Manufacturers gap; (7) Micro-Lending gap and (8) Non-Bank Loan Capital gap. Among topics listed for further investigation were a more detailed quantitative assessment of capital sources and amounts available including, State, Grant, Angel, and Banking Capital. It is the intention of this report to provide greater quantitative visibility into the specific flows of capital for growth and company building. The report was sponsored by OCF, MMT, Oregon Office of the Treasurer, CTC, Business Oregon, Oregon Growth Board, and Foundations for a Better Oregon.	One-Time

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Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon State University	2015	Tracking Oregon's Progress: A Focus on Equality.	This report analyses rising income inequality's effects on Oregon. In order to understand how Oregon overall and different parts of our state are faring with respect to inequality, this report compares three measures of income inequality. The three measures offer different insights into the concept of income inequality, and as such can reveal how different types of inequality manifest across the state and region. In addition to describing the state of inequality across the region, the report provides some insight into possible explanations for county differences, and emphasizes the need to track poverty along with income inequality. *Note: OCF has hosted numerous independent research initiatives on topics such as Boomer Volunteerism in Education, Parenting in Oregon, Environmental Education, Cultural Competency in Nursing, Education Philanthropy, Recession Convening Series Impact Reports Regionally, Oregon's Economy, and Many other topics useful for nonprofit practice.	One-Time

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Case Foundation	2014	Inspiring the Next Generation Workforce: 2014 Millenial Impact Report	"The purpose of the Millennial Impact Project has always been to understand Millennials' preferences for cause work and to share those findings with organizations that are looking to better engage this influential group. The report shows that Millennials bring their passions to work. This year's research will help companies learn how to boldly engage their employees through proactive cause initiatives, that will result in a corporate culture that yields higher productivity and civic engagement. "	
Collaboration: AFSCME, Center for Effective Government, Economic Opportunity Initiative, In the Public Interest, Keystone Research Center, Oregon Center for Public Policy, and the Refund America Project.	2015	A Guide for Evaluating Pay for Success Programs and Social Impact Bonds	This guide aims to help advocates identify the critical issues surrounding PFS contracts and their impact on vulnerable individuals and the public. We describe these issues and include a list of key questions advocates can raise to help ensure that decision makers make choices that advance the public good.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2010	The eNonprofit: A Guide to ASPs, internet services, and online software	This Guide is designed to help nonprofit agency staff work with Internet services, application service providers (ASPs), and online software. Board members, executives, administrative staff, managers, and technicians will find this Guide useful in different ways. It discusses benefits, pros and risks of various ASPs as well as a directory, and how to find and use ASPs.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2010	Coaching and Philanthropy Project: Action Guides for Coaches, February 2010	The coaching toolkit includes: coaching definitions and application, how coaching can impact an organization, appropriate uses, application, and timing of when coaching can be the most effective for an organization.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2010	Coaching and Philanthropy Project: Action Guides for Nonprofits, February 2010	The nonprfit toolkit includes: coaching in context, what it can yield, barriers to coaching, when to use coaching, and how to make the most of coaching within your organization.	One-Time
Compass Point Nonprofit Services	2010	Coaching and Philanthropy Project: Action Guide for Grantmakers, February 2010	The grantmaker toolkit includes: coaching definitions; making the case for when funding for coaching might be appropriate and effective; and the role that grantmakers can play in supporting and advancing the use of coaching.	One-Time

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DiverseGreen 2.0 & University of Michigan	2014	The State of Diversity in Enviromental Organizations: Mainstream NGOs, Foundations & Government Agencies	FIt surveyed 191 environmental non-profits, 74 government environmental agencies, and 28 leading environmental grant making foundations to investigate their gender and racial diversity composition, the majority of which state diversification as a "value." The study included confidential interviews of 21 environmental leaders from diverse backgrounds and experience. Report Findings: 1. The Green Ceiling: Despite increasing racial diversity in the United States, the racial composition in environmental organizations and agencies has not broken the 12% to 16% "green ceiling" that has been in place for decades; 2. 2. Unconscious Bias, Discrimination, and Insular Recruiting: Confidential interviews with environmental professionals and survey data highlight alienation and "unconscious bias" as factors hampering recruitment and retention of talented people of color; 3. Lackluster Effort and Disinterest in Addressing Diversity: Efforts to attract and retain talented people of color have been lackluster across the environmental movement.	Annual
Foundation Center	2012	Arts Funding Snapshot: GIA's Annual Research on Support for Arts and Culture	Foundation Center offers these key findings from GIA's thirteenth snapshot of foundation giving to arts and culture. The definition of arts and culture used for this snapshot is based on the National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities and encompasses funding for the performing arts, museums, visual arts, multidisciplinary arts, media and communications, humanities, and historical preservation. Most importantly, the findings tell us about the changes in foundation giving for the arts between 2011 and 2012 by a matched set of 714 funders and the distribution of 2012 arts and culture giving by the 1,000 largest US foundations by total giving. They are based on all arts grants of $10,000 or more reported to Foundation Center by these sets of the largest US foundations, hereafter referred to as "the sample". The Center has conducted annual examinations of the giving patterns of the nation's largest foundations for close to four decades.	Annual
Foundation Center	2013	Growth in foundation support for Media in the US	Over the last decade, media—the means by which we communicate—has evolved significantly. Television, radio, and print newspapers and magazines were once the primary means to obtain news and information. However, the rapid evolution of the Internet and mobile technology has generated new media platforms and expanded the universe of information creators, producers, and distributors. Media information once flowed in one direction, but the expansion of the field has made the movement more diffuse.With this changing landscape as a backdrop, the Foundation Center, with support from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and the Wyncote Foundation, and in collaboration with Media Impact Funders, GuideStar, and the Ford Foundation, sought to provide a fuller picture of media-related grantmaking by U.S. foundations.Tracking investments from 2009 to 2011, the data reveals that foundations are increasingly supporting media-related work across multiple areas. At the same time, they are tapping into larger trends, with investments in new media growing at a faster pace than traditional media investments. However, growth in grantmaking across the spectrum of media is inconsistent—with growth in public broadcasting falling behind growth in investments in other areas.	One-Time

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Foundation Center	2013	Harnessing Collaborative Technologies: Helping Funders Work Together	This report documents a range of new collaborative technologies from both inside and outside philanthropy—social networking sites, file sharing tools, crowdsourcing systems, wikis, and others and describes how they are fundamentally changing the way we communicate and connect. Recommendations are made for improving the collaborative technology landscape.	One-Time
Issue Lab	2015	Multiple Issue Reports	IssueLab, a service of the Foundation Center, works to more effectively gather, index, and share the collective intelligence of the social sector. We provide free access to thousands of case studies, evaluations, white papers, and issue briefs addressing some of the world's most pressing social problems. We are also committed to increasing access to this knowledge by making it broadly available through this website, other Foundation Center websites, distributed Knowledge Centers, and content-sharing partnerships with libraries, archives, and online communities. As well, we are working with foundations and nonprofits to adopt a common set of publishing practices, such as the adoption of open licenses and the use of open repositories like this one, to support greater knowledge sharing at the collective level. (Examples of reports: Charting The Sea Of Goodwill; The Promise of Place: Cities Advancing Black Male Achievement; Analsyis of Mass Gun Shootings; Measuring the State of Disaster Philanthropy 2015; Quantifying Hope: Philanthropic support for Black Men and Boys, Military and Veterens)	One-Time
Nonprofit Association of Oregon (NAO)	*	Consolidation of Government Nonprofit Lists	NAO is currently undertaking a project to cross-reference and consolidate three government issued lists of nonprofits in Oregon from the Department of Justice, the Secretary of State, and the IRS	One-Time
NTEN	2016	Your Voices: 2015 NTEN Community Survey Report	Every year, NTEN conducts an annual Community Survey to find out more about the individuals and organizations in our Community. The annual Community Survey is Nten's key mechanism for collecting and distilling feedback, both qualitative and quantitative, about what's working, which programs are most valued, and where they have opportunities to make changes or additions. Second, components of this annual research are put directly into Nten's public evaluation data—indicators of where we may be making impact towards the outcomes we are striving for in this Community and with the nonprofit sector.	Annual
NTEN	2016	The 9th Annual Nonprofit Technology Staffing & Investments Report	NTEN is in their ninth year of collecting and reporting on these nonprofit technology spending and practices data. This research provides valuable benchmarks to help nonprofits assess and plan technology budgets and strategies, and considers the nonprofit sector as a whole to gauge the maturity and effectiveness of technology strategies and use.	Annual

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