



**POWERHOUSE
MONTANA**
of the Women's Foundation of Montana

September 2019

Owning Your Finances

Howdy, PowerHouses!

September is Self-Improvement Month - and for many, financial stability/success tops the list when it comes to personal growth. While finances and budgeting often seem intimidating - it is crucial, particularly as women, that we take control of our own finances and learn how to manage this essential part of our future; Especially as it is estimated that approximately "90% of women will become solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives as more women chose to remain single, experience divorce, and often outlive their spouses by 5 years." In the words of Kalispell PowerHouse [Sue Thompson](#), "One of the things the last few years has shown us is that when it comes to our money we need to be in the driver's seat." (Read her entire blog post on the Importance of Financial Awareness, [here.](#))



So, what can you do to be more aware and in-control of your financial destiny? The Women's Foundation of Montana hosted a webinar on this topic, featuring guest speakers [Kim Shappee](#), a financial advisor for RBC Wealth Management, and [Debi Baydush](#), a founding principal of BSW Wealth Partners in Boulder, Colorado. During the webinar they offered their advice, including their top five tips for basic financial success:

1. Educate yourself about financial management.
2. Set financial goals, craft a budget, and stick to it.
3. Create an emergency fund, and continue to save early and often!
4. Learn to invest.
5. Plan for the future!

Interested in learning more? Watch the full Smart Money webinar online, [here.](#)

Until next month,
Maggie

Engage your Community - with PowerHouse Montana!

Featured PowerHouse Opportunities

**Submittable
Various Positions**
Missoula, Montana
[Website](#)



PowerHouse Montana Gatherings

September's PowerHouse Theme:
Financial Literacy and Management

Thursday, September 26th @ 4:00pm

[PowerHouse Flathead](#)

Gravis Law, PLLC
1830 3rd Avenue East, Suite 302
Kalispell

Monday, October 8th @ 6:00pm

[PowerHouse Billings](#)

4570 Iron Horse Trl
Billings

Tuesday, October 22nd @ 5:30pm

[PowerHouse Bozeman Panel](#)

113 E Oak Suite 3A
Bozeman

Other PowerHouse Events:

**Monday, October 14th - Wednesday,
October 16th**

[Innovate Montana Symposium](#)

Copper King Hotel
4655 Harrison Avenue
Butte

**Monday, October 21st - Tuesday,
October 22nd**

[Women Leading Montana Convening](#)

Northern Hotel
19 N 28th Ave
Billings

**Western Native Voice
Community Organizer**

Statewide

[Website](#)

**State of Montana Board, Council and
Commission Openings, from the
Office of the Governor**

Statewide

[Website](#)

PowerHouse Montana Jobs Board

Statewide

[Website](#)

What is PowerHouse Montana?

PowerHouse Montana (in-person) gatherings are a series of events fueled by women in communities across the state of Montana.

They meet on a monthly/quarterly basis to discuss and learn from one another in a casual networking format.

Create your own PowerHouse profile today and start growing with influential women across the state @ powerhousemt.org/register

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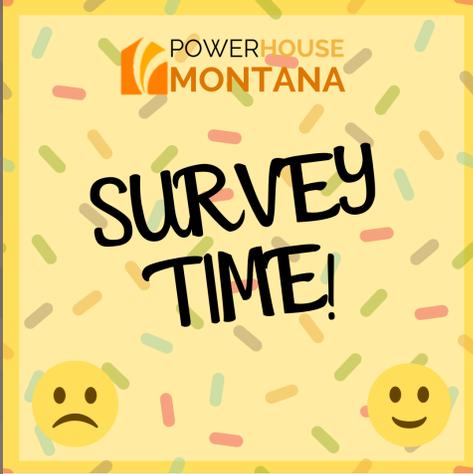


Share Your Thoughts!

Well, changemakers - fall is here, and so is our [annual PowerHouse survey!](#)

This year, we are excited to work on expanding our programming to better serve women throughout Montana as they work towards their career goals.

We have several great ideas on how we can use



our PowerHouse platform to extend our outreach and foster deeper connections and to create a network of intelligent and capable women who support and uplift each other. **But, of course, we can't do this without you!** If you have a few minutes, [please fill out our survey](#) - and you'll be entered for a chance to win a box of Montana woman-made goods worth \$50.00!

Featured PowerHouse Articles and Resources

Montana Tech's Student Government led by all Women for First Time

"At Montana Tech this year, the school's student government executive body is comprised of all women for the first time in school history. Montana Tech opened its doors 119 years ago, and this year the president, vice president and treasurer are all women. All three are trying to make a difference on campus." [Read more, here.](#)



Montana Hires Two Missing Persons Specialists

"Montana Attorney General Tim Fox announced Monday he's hired two specialists to help address the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women." [Learn more about Misty LaPlant and Tina Chamberlain, here.](#)

Cherokee Nation Names First Delegate To Congress

"The Cherokee Nation has named its first delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Former Obama appointee Kimberly Teehee's nomination was approved by the tribe's council on Thursday. Although the treaty that created this nonvoting position is almost 200 years old, it had never been filled."

[Discover more, here.](#)

New Director Taking Over at Havre Chamber

"As of Sept. 1, Julea Robbins of Havre became Chamber Executive Director. Robbins has been working at the Chamber of Commerce for almost two years - her hiring anniversary is in December - as the office manager." [Meet Julea, here.](#)

Shalon Hastings sells Helena's Taco Del Sol and the Hub to be a Female-Focused Fishing Instructor

"After 15 years as a small-business owner in downtown Helena, Shalon Hastings has sold off her two local restaurants and started a new venture as a fishing instructor." [Celebrate with Shalon, here.](#)

If you have any questions about [PowerHouse Montana](#), the [Women's Foundation of Montana](#), or would like to make an edit to your PowerHouse profile, please email Maggie Sullivan at Maggie@mtcf.org or call (406) 541-7409.



About PowerHouse Montana

PowerHouse Montana is an initiative of the Women's Foundation of Montana with two goals in mind: (1) connecting Montana women with the resources, mentors, and opportunities they need to create thriving businesses and thriving lives, (2) increasing the number of Montana women in leadership by providing a go-to source for organizations and companies looking for their next CEO or board chair.

The Women's Foundation of Montana advances economic independence for Montana women and creates a brighter future for our girls. Learn more at www.wfmontana.org.

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