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Maine Association of Nonprofits Hosts Nonprofit Finance Conference

Essential Fiscal Oversight Training for Staff and Board Members

Portland, ME - Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), the largest membership organization in the state dedicated to working with Maine's nonprofits, is hosting their annual [Nonprofit Finance Conference](#) this Thursday in Freeport. This one-day conference provides important resources and best practices to help staff and board members become effective stewards for their organizations. Over 125 individuals representing 78 organizations will attend the day-long training.

"As nonprofits continue to face a challenging and constantly shifting financial environment, it is critical for everyone involved to take ownership in building a sustainable organization," said Katrina Ruffner, MANP Program Director.

"Nonprofits face considerable scrutiny when it comes to financial management. Organizations that take proactive steps to prevent mismanagement will be better equipped to fulfill their missions. "

This conference will also feature the Leaders and Luminaries Luncheon. The Bank of Maine Charitable Foundation, through its Leaders & Luminaries Awards, honors nonprofit board members who have made important contributions to their communities through outstanding leadership of their organizations. At this year's Nonprofit Finance Conference, The Bank of Maine Charitable Foundation will award one grand prize winner \$10,000 for his/her nonprofit and three semi-finalist winners \$2,500 each for their organizations. The finalists this year are:

- Ms. Catherine Powers, Bath Housing Development Corporation - Bath, Maine
- Mr. Harris J. (Pete) Bixler, Bay Chamber Concerts, - Rockport, Maine
- Mr. William Branch, Kennebec Behavioral Health - Waterville, Maine
- Ms. Lynn Gierie, Robbie Foundation, Scarborough, Maine

According to the Nonprofit Finance Fund's [2015 State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey](#), recovery of the U.S. economy hasn't addressed the systemic and perpetual funding challenges facing nonprofits. While there are some positive economic indicators, in many cases nonprofits are still hampered by insufficient funding and a lack of investment in long-term sustainability.

MANP offers ongoing education and resources designed to provide nonprofit leaders, staff, board members and volunteers with the necessary knowledge and skills to help their organizations become more effective and well-run. The Nonprofit Finance Conference will offer [multiple breakout sessions](#) that cover a diverse range of topics to allow attendees to create an individualized training day.

For more information on upcoming educational opportunities or to register for events, visit <http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/learn/> or call (207) 871-1885.

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*Since 1994, MANP has grown to become Maine's comprehensive resource for the tools, knowledge, and connections nonprofits need to be effective and well-run. With a growing statewide membership of almost 800 nonprofit and 135 for-profit organizations, MANP **advances** the public profile of Maine nonprofits by highlighting their vital contribution to the quality of life in our state, **connects** people, organizations and resources from all sectors to foster collaborative problem solving, and **strengthens** nonprofits by providing management training and leadership development programs, resources and services to help staff and board leaders enhance their community mission impact.*

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