

August 16, 2021

Montana PBS Awarded the Otto Bremer Trust to Expand News and Public Affairs Programming

Montana PBS has been awarded \$300,000 from the Otto Bremer Trust and will move forward with an initiative to expand their news and public affairs programming over the next two years.

The Rundown with Jackie Coffin is hosted, produced and edited by Jackie. The Otto Bremer Trust will allow MTPBS to build capacity for the program by adding additional staff to the team as well as providing an expanded production schedule. The MTPBS team is excited to engage with audiences in new ways on-air and online as they explore underrepresented topics and breaking news across the state.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to receive our funding request from the Otto Bremer Trust, which will allow us to build capacity, expand our coverage throughout the state, and tell more stories relevant to our viewers,” said Kristina Martin, Development Director at Montana PBS.

This initiative includes increased long-term sustainability for the program and the station staff with the addition of matching funds from Montana PBS.

Montana PBS is known for high quality journalistic coverage from their larger PBS portfolio, including *PBS NewsHour*, *Washington Week* and *Amanpour and Co.*, and *The Rundown* team looks forward to integrating these sources into their coverage.

To view more information, including current episodes from *The Rundown with Jackie Coffin*, visit montanapbs.org/rundown.

###

CONTACTS

Kristina Martin, Director of Development | kristina@montanapbs.org
Laura Dick, Director of Digital Engagement | laura@montanapbs.org