



The
**MISSOURI
BUDGET
PROJECT**

Shaping Policy...
Creating Opportunities

The Missouri Budget Project envisions a Missouri wherein quality public services provide the foundation upon which communities and the economy can thrive and all Missourians have the opportunity to succeed. We believe that:

- Quality services (health, education, transportation, etc.) provide the foundation upon which a strong economy is built.
- Government plays an integral role in providing quality services.
- All Missourians should share responsibility for the provision of services.
- Public engagement ensures good decisions and is important to ensure transparency and accountability.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all Missourians by informing public policy decisions through objective research and analysis of state budget, tax and economic issues

In fulfilling its mission, MBP is committed to meeting the following values:

- *Accuracy and Objectivity:* Providing independent information that is non-biased, accessible, consistent and timely.
- *Integrity:* Being mission driven
- *Collaboration and Cooperation:* Working with partners to educate Missourians and expand civic engagement.
- *Diversity:* Involving people representative of Missouri in its work.
- *Flexibility:* Being able to adapt to changes in the public policy environment.

"The Missouri Budget Project is one of a small group of trusted partners we rely on regularly to help frame issues and articulate the impact of proposed taxation and revenue policy directions. They have proven to be a respected, legitimate influence in the arena of Missouri fiscal matters."

**Dan Ross, Executive Director,
Missouri Municipal League**

5 Special Awards

In 2006, the Missouri Budget Project was named an official member of the **State Fiscal Analysis Initiative (SFAI)**, a network of state organizations facilitated by the Center on Budget & Policy Priorities that share a commitment to rigorous policy analysis and responsible budget and tax policies. In 2009, the Council on Foundations presented its Award for Distinguished Grantmaking through Collaboration to SFAI's funders in recognition of what the network has accomplished.

In 2012, Amy Blouin was honored as one of the **"Most Influential St. Louisans"** by the St. Louis Business Journal.

In 2010 the Missouri Budget Project received the **Bringewatt Special Advocacy Award** from Lutheran Family & Children's Services of Missouri. MBP was honored for "advocating in favor of fiscally responsible public policies that advance the well-being of all Missourians, particularly our most vulnerable families who too often don't have a voice in policy decisions."

The Missouri Women's Network provided Amy Blouin with the **2010 Award for Advancing Women's Equality**.

In 2007, Amy Blouin was honored with a **"40 Under 40"** award from the St. Louis Business Journal.

390 Times in 2012 Alone
 MBP is in the news nearly every day

St. Louis Post Dispatch

Editorial: Missouri's 12-year funk catches up with it
SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 • THE EDITORIAL BOARD

The **Missouri Budget Project**, a think tank, last week published a report called "Cutting to the Chase: What Multi-Year Budget Reductions Mean for Missourians." It reviews the cumulative effects of 12 years of declining state revenues.

The Missouri Budget Project leans to the left, but its numbers don't. There is no such thing as liberal math. Instead, the report is an indictment of Democrats and Republicans alike who, for 12 years, have been doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

Kansas City Star

Missouri Republicans push \$1 billion tax cut plan
February 25, 2013 • JASON HANCOCK

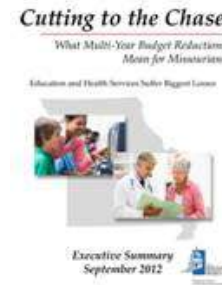
The **Missouri Budget Project** indicates that "instead of spurring economic growth," the \$1 billion tax proposal "will severely undermine Missouri's ability to invest in the very services that make Missouri attractive to business. . . Missouri can better compete with Kansas and promote long-term economic growth by investing in strong schools to educate a skilled workforce, efficient transportation networks that allow companies to bring their products to market, and safe, stable communities."

Social Media Reaching 98,000 Missourians

The Missouri Budget Project engages Missourians in public policy advocacy through its use of social media tools. MBP routinely reaches 98,000 Missourians through its e-mail newsletter, timely website, and outreach through Facebook, Twitter and other communications.

20 Analyses of Critical Issues
 Each Year

Some Recent Examples...



MBP's comprehensive analysis of the impact of state budget reductions on health, mental health and education over the last decade:

Cutting to the Chase
 Released SEPTEMBER 2012,
 garnering statewide attention.

The Latest Missouri "TABOR" Proposal Would Require Significant Cuts to Education, Health Care and Infrastructure

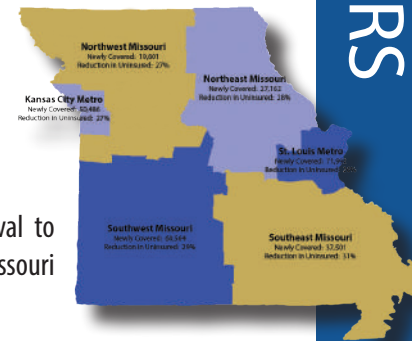
Without New Revenue, Missouri Will Face Perennial Budget Shortfalls

At Home Thanks to Missouri's Circuit Breaker:
 219,000 Missourians Benefit from this Important Tax Provision

The Missouri Medicaid Expansion: Good for All Missourians

Racing to the Bottom: Senate Gives Initial Approval to Extreme Tax Cut Bill Which Would Devastate Missouri Services, Infrastructure, and the State's Economy

Don't Mess with the Texas Model: Missouri Can (and Does) Do Better



53 Community Presentations

The Missouri Budget Project partnered with AARP, the Deaconess Foundation, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, REACH Healthcare Foundation, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis Business Journal and others to release its “Cutting to the Chase” report through a series of regional forums held in Kansas City, Springfield and St. Louis. The forums, attended by more than **300** people, generated awareness of the extent of Missouri’s budget crisis and the need to strengthen state revenue.

In addition, each year Missouri Budget Project staff members respond to dozens of requests for community presentations at conferences and forums throughout the state.

In 2012, MBP provided expert presentations on critical policy issues at 53 forums.

“The Missouri Budget Project is the state’s respected source for fiscal analysis on issues that impact low- to middle- income families. MBP has been in the forefront to inform Missouri residents on fiscal policy.”

Norma J. Collins, Associate State Director for Advocacy, AARP Missouri

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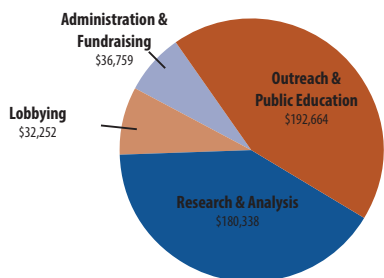
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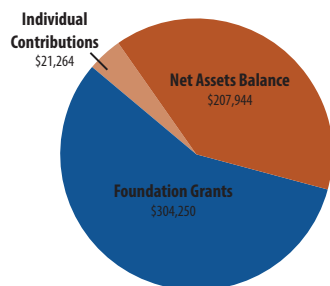
Funding from individual supporters keeps our nonpartisan perspective in the public arena, and supports the Missouri Budget Project's work to improve the lives of average Missourians.

The Missouri Budget Project is classified as a 501(c)3 organization and all contributions are fully tax deductible.

2012 MISSOURI BUDGET PROJECT EXPENDITURES



2012 MISSOURI BUDGET PROJECT INCOME



Giving Opportunities

Our ability to continue our work on behalf of all Missourians is directly dependent on the support we receive from you and others who believe in our mission. The organization is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and as such individual and corporate donations are tax deductible.

The Legacy Fund

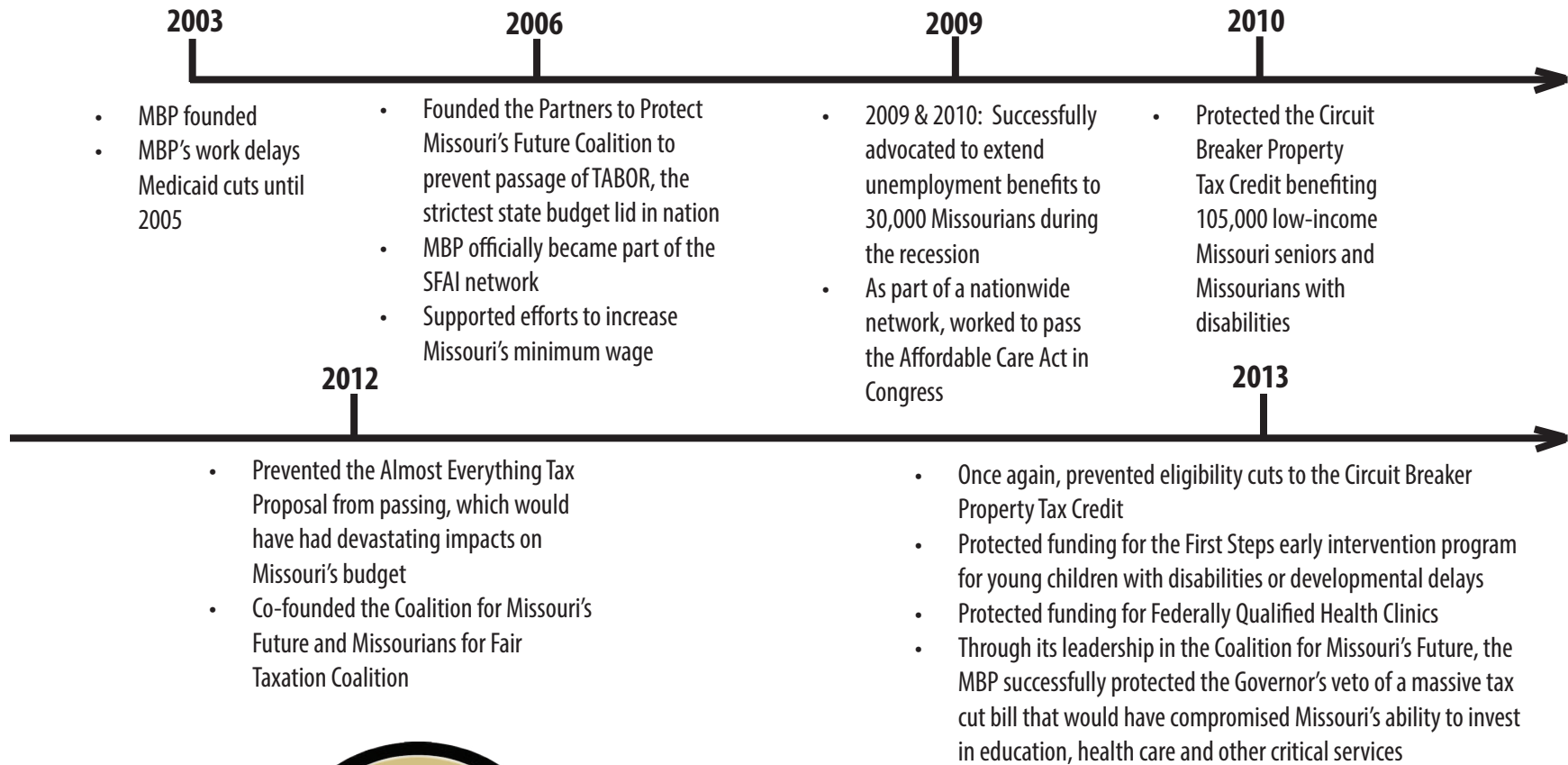
As we enter our second decade, the Missouri Budget Project is proud to launch our Legacy Fund.

Your gift to the Legacy Fund will enhance MBP's services and sustainability in Missouri, and will further strengthen the voice of all Missourians in State Capitol debates.

"The Missouri Budget Project's work serves as a guidepost for public policies that support a stable and competitive Missouri economy and ensure opportunity for all Missourians. Their analyses and advocacy provide a basis for state policy that would help transform Missouri's economy for the 21st century."

**Charlie O'Reilly, Retired, Vice Chairman,
O'Reilly Auto Parts**

Timeline of Major Accomplishments



"The Missouri Budget Project provides tremendous leadership in addressing issues related to the State's Operating Budget, revenue streams and programs for the underserved. . . . They are also a valued partner in working toward the expansion of Medicaid in Missouri."

**Joe Pierle, Chief Executive Officer,
Missouri Primary Care Association**

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