

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER Next Grant Deadline: September 23, 2019 fundfij@gmail.com (202) 662-7564

FIJ Awards Grants to 10 Investigative Journalists

The board of directors of the Fund for Investigative Journalism (FIJ) has awarded \$57,000 in 10 grants to investigative journalists in its most recent round of funding.

The grants will help cover the costs of reporting work, such as travel, document fees, and other out-of-pocket expenses. The grant recipients are:

- Peter Byrne, a Northern California-based investigative journalist and science writer,
- Pamela Dempsey, executive director of the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting,
- Bridget Hickey, a reporting fellow with the Columbia Journalism Investigations,
- John Kelly, editor of The Chronicle of Social Change,
- Jeff Kelly Lowenstein, a Michigan-based independent journalist,
- Keith McQuirter, executive producer of Decoder Media, a New York City production company,
- Vladimir Otasevic, a Montenegro-based investigative journalist,
- Amanda Robb, a New York-based investigative journalist,
- Mosi Secret, a New York-based investigative journalist,
- Dylan Smith, editor of TucsonSentinel.com

Our Grantees' Work



California's New Privacy Law: The First Amendment and Open-Records Laws May Limit its Reach

A Los Angeles woman who alleges that her doctor raped her at home five years ago has tried in vain to get "people search" sites such



The U.S. Navy Dumps Toxic Debris in Washington State's Puget Sound

In 2017, the U.S. Navy scraped the hull of the decommissioned aircraft carrier USS Independence directly into Puget Sound, dumping tons of toxic, copper-laden debris as MyLife and Spokeo to stop posting her address, to no avail.

The **California Consumer Privacy Act**, a statute approved last year and scheduled to become law in January 2020, could help victims like her. But even this groundbreaking legislation may not force the sites to delete personal data. The law's impact is apparently limited by the First Amendment and open-records statutes, the San Francisco Public Press **reports**.

into Sinclair Inlet near Bremerton, Washington. Now environmental groups, the Suquamish Tribe and the state of Washington seek to hold the Navy responsible for what they say is an "egregious violation" of water quality laws that could harm wild salmon. **Cascadia Magazine investigates.**

Photo: The USS Kitty Hawk, by Nia Martin

Photo by Taskin Ashiq on Unsplash

The Impact of the Fracking Boom in Ohio: Who's Listening

Julie Grant, with The Allegheny Front, a Pittsburgh-based public media news outlet, examined how Ohio agencies react when residents, landowners, and activists raise concerns about the oil and gas industry in their communities. Grant produced **Who's** Listening, a 4-part public radio and online package for stations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

Story 1:

Some Ohio Citizens Who Complained About Oil and Gas Feel "Abandoned" by the State

Story 2:

Ohio Law Favors Energy Development Over Private Property Rights Story 3:

Citizens Stepped in to Protect Water When Ohio Lawmakers Did Not Story 4:

Health Problems Abound Near Oil and Gas Wells in Ohio

Help Us Reach Our Goal



DONATE: The Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation has provided \$75,000 to support domestic investigations in 2019. This amount includes \$25,000 to be awarded if FIJ raises an additional \$25,000 in new funding before December 31. Help us reach that matching goal.

News Around Town About FIJ

The Denver Post's David Migoya validates efforts by FIJ to fund investigative journalism In an interview with the The MFJS Reporter (Spring 2019), David Migoya of the Denver Post, lauded FIJ's efforts to promote investigative journalism.

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