



## October 2022 Newsletter

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Don Boyd

*Don is Co-Director of the State and Local Government Finance Project at Rockefeller College, SUNY Albany, and a consultant, Open Source Policy Center.*

- Continued examination of revenue options for a large public authority.
  - Continued work on spending related to homelessness in San Francisco.
  - Continued investigation of emerging fiscal risks faced by state governments.
  - Began development of a proposal to examine fiscal and programmatic challenges faced by rural schools with declining enrollment, and analysis of possible policy responses.
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Jason DeBacker

*Jason is an Associate Professor of economics at the University of South Carolina and a core maintainer of the open source models [Cost-of-Capital-Calculator](#), [Tax-Calculator](#), and [OG-USA](#), which model business taxes and macroeconomic effects of tax policy, respectively.*

- Awarded a three-year, \$276,834 grant from Smith Richardson Foundation to study place-based economic incentive programs in the U.S.
- Submitted a grant proposal to NSF's Pathways for Open Source Ecosystems program.
- Resubmitted a paper on the role of professional tax preparers in their clients compliance decisions to *National Tax Journal*
- Continued work modeling the economies of India and Malaysia in the OG-IND and OG-MYS projects.
- Submitted two new course proposals to bring data science into the economics curriculum at the University of South Carolina

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Max Ghenis

*Max is President of the UBI Center, co-founder of PolicyEngine, and a core maintainer of the open source [microdf](#) project.*

- [Launched PolicyEngine in New York state](#), modeling New York state individual income taxes.

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Jonathan Pycroft

*Jon is an economic modeler and public finance economist based in Seville, Spain. He has experience building and working with computable general equilibrium models, overlapping generations models, and microsimulation models of tax and pension policies in Europe and Africa.*

- Started a new project to study differential corporate taxation across sectors, which will involve expanding the current CORTAX general equilibrium model to account for multiple sectors.
- Continued work on dynamic scoring of alternative pension schemes using the Euromod microsimulation model and the EDGE-M3 macroeconomic model.