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Coherent Digital Launches *Policy Commons: Cities*

Coherent Digital today announced the launch of *Policy Commons: Cities*. The new module contains over 90,000 municipal reports from North American cities, and it will expand to over 150,000 over the next several months.

Municipal reports document in hard, practical terms how policy is implemented—but the reports are often neglected and missing from the scholarly record. The experiences of more than a million individuals working at 20,000 departments from more than 600 cities show historical and current approaches to critical issues including climate change, racial equity, public health, pollution, policing, transport, animal control, water quality, and energy. *Policy Commons: Cities* captures, indexes, and preserves this valuable research and the associated data.

The reports include *Findings from the Minneapolis Dept. of Human Rights (2022)*, which documents the George Floyd case; *Lessons Learned: City's response to protests exposed vulnerabilities in Portland's police accounting system (2022)*; *Report on the Status of Female Firefighters (2018)* from the city of Boston. Empirical data from well over 100,000 reports reveal what policies have and have not worked—and how the actions and attitudes of local governments have changed over time.

Coherent's Managing Director, Toby Green, remarks, "Municipal reports are hard to find, often disappear and, despite their importance, have rarely been collected and incorporated into the scholarly record. We look forward to growing what will become the definitive resource in this space."

Policy Commons: Cities is the second module on the *Policy Commons* platform. The first was *Policy Commons: Premier*, Coherent's flagship product.

About Coherent Digital

Coherent Digital was founded in 2019 by industry veterans Stephen Rhind-Tutt, Toby Green, Eileen Lawrence, Pete Ciuffetti, and others. We find important content and make it useful—so researchers can do their work, educators can teach, scholars can publish, and organizations can disseminate their knowledge to a global audience. Through Coherent, information is saved, uniquely tagged, stabilized, and made discoverable. More at <https://coherentdigital.net>

