**2021 Connect Community Foundations Conference Virtual Series**

**Idea Implementation Grant Application**

The **Connect** **Community Foundations Conference Virtual Series** is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their community and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. The goal is to provide resources necessary for community foundations to implement ideas locally which will make our communities even better places to live, work, raise families and retire!

Community foundations who participate in one or more sessions during the series are eligible to apply for an Idea Implementation Grant. Grants are expected to range from $250-$2,500 to support the foundation’s efforts **to implement an idea cultivated, developed or re-energized during a Connect Series Session.** The application process is competitive; all requests may not receive funding. One application per community foundation will be considered during 2021. Those who are awarded funding will be required to complete a brief year-end report on the use of funds.

Applications may be submitted to the Iowa Council of Foundations at info@iowacounciloffoundations.org. **Applications are due by 5 pm on June 4, 2021 for the Spring cycle and by 5 pm on November 15, 2021 for the Fall cycle. Applications will not be accepted after these deadlines. Contact the Iowa Council of Foundations at (515) 989-1188 or via email at** info@iowacounciloffoundations.org **with any questions.**

Community Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Please list attendees from your community foundation who participated in one or more 2021 Connect virtual session:

Attendee Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Session(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Grant Request Amount (minimum is $250; maximum is $2,500): $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Community Foundation named above is (please choose one):

□ A Community Foundation which meets National Standards for US Community Foundations

□ *Fully affiliated* with a Nationally Accredited Community Foundation

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 (Please indicate on the line above the host Community Foundation with which the organization is affiliated)

□ A Community Foundation which is currently in the process of National Standards review

**Please complete the following questions regarding your Idea to Implement:**

1. *Idea to Implement.* Please provide a 1-2 sentence description of the idea you are planning to implement locally.
2. Why is this *Idea* important to your community foundation this year? Does it support your strategic plans?
3. How will the *Idea* benefit or enhance your community foundation or your community as a whole?
4. Which session, speaker or community foundation sparked this *Idea* for your community foundation?
5. Please provide a brief timeline of activities your community foundation will conduct in order to achieve the goal/idea noted above.
6. Please provide a simple budget that provides detail around direct expenses related to your proposed project and indicate the amount of support you are seeking from the Iowa Council of Foundations.