



The CF Snapshot is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. If you have information you would like included, please [email us!](#)

2022 Connect Conference Virtual Series + Event

We asked, we listened! The 2022 Connect Community Foundations Conference will feature a virtual series beginning in January with a culminating, in-person event in September. Idea Implementation Grants will be accepted on a rolling basis with a final deadline of November 15, 2022. Please join us for the first session:

Connect Conference Kick-Off

Thursday, January 20, 2022 | 10 - 11 am | Zoom

We will provide a Conference preview, share an overview of the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative programs and services, and share details about 2022 grant opportunities for community foundations and affiliates. This will be a great session for new community foundation staff, board members and volunteers, as well as a good refresher for CF veterans.

[Learn More & Register](#)

Fall Capacity Building Grants Announced

The [Capacity Building Grant Program](#) supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment building and growth. Four grants were awarded this Fall ranging from \$1,025 - \$15,000 supporting:

- **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines:** donor development;
- **Okoboji Foundation**, an Affiliate of Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: professional development;
- **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation:** donor development and strategic relationships; and
- **Winneshiek County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa: donor development.

Pre-applications for the Spring 2022 cycle will open on February 1 [here](#).

Fall Idea Implementation Grants Announced

This year ICoF offered two rounds for [Idea Implementation Grants](#) as part of the Connect Conference Virtual Series. Six grants were awarded this Fall ranging from \$455 - \$2,500 supporting:

- **Allamakee County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: implementing the Small Town Dreams Initiative;
- **Clayton County Foundation for the Future**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: lunch and learn session with Gift Planning Consultant Johni Hays for professional advisors;
- **Community Foundation of Washington County**, an affiliate of Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation: donor-advised and donor-designated fund holder meetings;
- **Community Foundation of Jackson County**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: implementing the Small Town Dreams Initiative;
- **Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation:** work with CulturALL; and

- **Pocahontas County Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: developing a local leadership program to engage participants in county leadership roles.
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Learning Opportunities

Registration Open! Connect Conference Series Session 3: Community Foundations Boot Camp

Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Begins March 2 | 12 – 1 pm | Cost: \$100*

The Community Foundation Boot Camp is a virtual training program designed to provide participants with an overview of the structure and operations of a community foundation. CFs are unique and complex organizations and IPA has designed this training to be an intensive dive into all functions of a community foundation. The program is offered in six sessions scheduled over two weeks and it is recommended that you plan to join each session live from 12 - 1 pm:

- Wednesday, March 2
- Thursday, March 3
- Friday, March 4
- Wednesday, March 9
- Thursday, March 10
- Friday, March 11

Registration for Iowa community foundations is open now through 5 pm on February 15. You will be given the option to pay online or "Invoice Me." Further instructions are on the invoice screen for payment, and an invoice will be emailed to you if you click "Invoice Me."

*Registration costs for Iowa community foundations are being subsidized through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Peer Pointers

This section of the CF Snapshot features short descriptions of positive work happening at community foundations and affiliates across Iowa. If you'd like more information about these topics, please [contact Jenna](#).

The Quad Cities Community Foundation is investing time to understand needs in their communities. They see participating in sustained efforts -- efforts to address issues that no one person or organization can tackle on their own -- as a crucial part of their work. They have learned through their longtime participation in the Quad Cities Housing Council about the *opportunities* for progress that are possible. As a result, they made their largest Transformation Grant in the organization's history this week to support affordable housing solutions in the region. Read more about their investment [here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

[Cass County Community Foundation](#) awards \$33K in grants

In partnership with the [Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#), the Iowa Center for Economic Success receives three-year grant for expansion

[River Bluff Community Foundation](#) awards grants to local nonprofits

Grant Opportunities

Child Care Challenge Funding Opportunity

The purpose of the Fund is to encourage and enable businesses, nonprofits, and consortiums to establish local child care facilities and increase the availability of quality, affordable child care for working Iowans. The application deadline has been pushed back a week to December 10. [Learn more here](#).

Iowa Women's Foundation Offering Micro Grants

These are small, one-time cash awards given to nonprofits and other community organizations not eligible for traditional grants, to be used for

emergency, non-budgeted, unexpected needs that sometimes arise during a fiscal year. Grants of \$300 - \$1,000 may be requested for these immediate needs. Applicants must serve women and girls, and their organizations must address at least one of the six identified barriers to women's economic self-sufficiency: employment, child care, housing, education/training, transportation or mentoring. Guidelines and applications available [here](#).

U of I College of Public Health and the Business Leadership Network Community Grant Program RFP

The University of Iowa College of Public Health and the Business Leadership Network Community Grant Program RFP for 2022 now available [here](#).

\$1.2M in Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund grants available

Governor Reynolds announced a \$1.2 million Future Ready Iowa grant opportunity for employers that are developing workforce solutions. The [Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund](#) is designed to expand opportunities for Iowans to earn postsecondary credentials that lead to high-demand jobs. Deadline is [December 17](#).

Articles & Items of Interest

IRS Reminder and Guidelines on Charitable Giving Incentives

The IRS issued a helpful reminder about current charitable giving incentives. The announcement, [Expanded tax benefits help individuals and businesses give to charity in 2021](#), highlights the above-the-line deduction (universal or nonitemizer deduction), the relaxed rules on cash donations, the hike to 100% in the amount itemizers can claim each year (up from 20% and 60% for businesses and individuals, respectively), the increase from 10% to 25% in the amount corporations can deduct, and increased limits on amounts deductible for donations of certain food inventories. Congress enacted and extended these temporary improvements during the pandemic in response to nonprofit advocacy.

Career Center Postings

President & Chief Executive Officer

Quad Cities Community Foundation
Full-time | Bettendorf, IA

To view all career postings for positions in philanthropy throughout the state, please visit the [Career Center](#).

Washington Snapshot

The latest Washington Snapshot from Council on Foundations is available [here](#).



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