



*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!](#)*

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## **News & Upcoming Events for Iowa Community Foundations**

### **Connect Conference Peer Learning Circle Series**

Sessions occur October 19-21 and 26-28 | 10 – 11 am

An important part of any conference event is the networking and conversations that take place between conference participants. This has always been noted as a highlight for Connect Conference participants in the past. In an effort to continue these conversations and opportunities to learn from one another in a virtual format, the Peer Learning Circles are sessions designed for specific groups to gather and discuss topics and ideas of interest to them. These conversations will provide an opportunity for you to pose questions to your peers at other community foundations throughout Iowa. Iowa Council of Foundations staff will monitor the conversations and you will be asked to submit questions in advance to help guide the conversation.

You are welcome to join more than one PLC, but please register for each one separately. Peer-Learning Circles for 2021:

- [October 19: Development & Fundraising Staff](#)
- [October 20: Grants & Program Staff](#)
- [October 21: CEO Network Meeting](#) (CEOs of accredited CFs, 10-11:30 am)

- [October 26: Affiliate Staff, Contractors & Volunteers](#)
- [October 27: Finance Staff](#)
- [October 28: Marketing & Communications Staff](#)

[See All on Events Calendar and Register](#)

### **NEW! Foundant User Group Training**

November 16 | 10 am - 12 pm | Free | Virtual

ICoF has once again partnered with Foundant to offer this virtual training to Foundant GLM and SLM users in our network. This session will provide you with information on using the system and allow you to ask questions of the trainer and your peers.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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### **Community Foundation Services Coordinator**

We are grateful to Michele Walstrom for five years as the ICoF Community Foundation Services Coordinator. Please join us in congratulating her on her new full-time position with the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust. Interviews are underway to fill the part-time ICoF contractor position.

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### **How can we get you messages tailored to your work?**

The ICoF's new software will allow us to tailor messages more easily for specific audiences. Please let us know which notifications would you like to receive: Marketing & Communications, Grants & Programs, Finance, Development & Fundraising?

[Select Your Preferences](#)

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### **FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Looking ahead to 2022!**

As we plan for events in 2022 we'd like to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts about future Connect Conferences and in-person events. Thank you, in advance!

## Share Your Input

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### Fall Capacity Building Grants Timeline

Capacity Building grants are available twice a year during a Spring and Fall cycle. These grants support opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities which increase their ability for sustainable endowment growth/building. [Pre-applications are now available.](#)

The timeline for the Fall cycle is:

- Pre-application is available on the ICoF website **September 17**
- Pre-applications reviewed on a rolling basis through **5 pm on October 15**
- Final applications are due by **5 pm on November 15**
- Grant applicants will be notified of grant decisions **by December 31**

[Grant guidelines](#) as well as end-of-year report forms are all available [here](#).

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## Learning Opportunities

### Iowa Nonprofit Summit

*Hosted by Volunteer Iowa*

October 5-7 | Registration rates range from \$15-25 | Virtual

Join Volunteer Iowa for an interactive virtual event and take advantage of the latest resources available to help nonprofits thrive. The biennial Summit offers essential learning opportunities relevant to staff in a variety of nonprofit, civic, foundation, volunteer engagement, government and national service roles, including but not limited to Board Members, Executive Directors, Program Directors, Resource Development staff, and AmeriCorps members.

The Iowa Council of Foundations is partnering with the Summit to sponsor the closing plenary session on October 7, Purpose-Driven Board Leadership with guest speaker Anne Wallestad, CEO of BoardSource. *(Host foundations and those who are dues-paying members of the ICoF should note that our sponsored session and even the entire Summit are available at no additional cost with your membership. See member emails for additional information.)*

[Learn More & Register for the Iowa Nonprofit Summit](#)

### **Values Aligned Philanthropy: Foundations Resisting Hate and Extremism**

*Hosted by the Council on Foundations*

October 5 | 1-2 pm | Free Webinar

With extremism on the rise, philanthropy's responsibility to avoid funding hate has been in the spotlight. While individual foundations have worked to address the issue, there has not been significant analysis of the sector's activities when it comes to finding solutions to hate funding -- until now. Join the Council on Foundations to discuss our soon to be published white paper, which dives into the challenges facing the sector as foundations work to develop solutions that meet their needs. You'll hear suggestions, recommendations, and next steps from our team and leaders in the field.

[Learn More and Register](#)

### **Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations**

*Hosted by: Kansas Association of Community Foundations*

October 13-15 | Cost: \$399 Virtual

Join community foundation colleagues online for the 2021 Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations. This conference will explore the "heart" of effective community philanthropy. How can we better serve our communities by finding the common ground beyond divisions, heal past inequities, apply good leadership to grow and expand a healthy place to live, and take care of ourselves, staff, and community in the process? Throughout the conference there will be exploration of tried and true methods for this work, using measurable actions and stories from the field. *Please note this conference has moved from a hybrid to all-virtual format.*

[Learn More and Register](#)

### **Flood, Famine and Fire: Building a Climate Justice Analysis in Philanthropy**

*Hosted by the Center for Disaster Philanthropy*

October 14 | 1-2 pm | Free Webinar

Climate change is fueling the frequency and severity of weather-related disasters, and historically marginalized and underserved communities are disproportionately affected. During this webinar CDP will explore how funders can boost resilience, create mitigation strategies and enhance disaster preparedness while also addressing pre-existing disparities in communities by building a more robust philanthropic response steeped in principles of climate justice.

Panelists include MacArthur Foundation's Ken Jones, Philanthropy California's Alan Kwok, Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network's Dr. Julie Maldonado and CDP's Alex Gray.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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## 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 us](#).*

Last fall, the Clayton County Foundation for the Future received Idea Implementation grant funding after the Connect Conference to implement a program they called Strengthening Boards, Strengthening Communities. This program idea was sparked by attending Susan Howlett's sessions on board recruitment and development. CCFF used grant funds to:

- Implement ideas from Susan Howlett's sessions "Boards on Fire" and "Finding the Good Ones" in planning and running their CCFF meetings. As a result, their meetings have become more efficient and their leaders have become a closer-knit group that is more energized and confident in doing the Foundation's work.
- Create a Strengthening Boards tool based on Howlett's sessions as an easy to reference guide with ideas for engaging board members, building relationships, planning efficient meetings, and cultivating new members. They shared the tool with over 50 Clayton County nonprofit groups, and CCFF Board members shared the tool with additional nonprofits during their summer outreach.

- Host a live virtual Board Boot Camp training to a group of 20 leaders. The recording was also made available to others.

CCFF Coordinator Emily Sadewasser shared: "We believe Strengthening Boards, Strengthening Communities has already been helpful to local leaders in supporting their board members, strengthening their organizations and thereby strengthening our communities. The tool will continue to serve as a valuable reference for their boards and staff and our the CCFF Board in years to come."

Idea Implementation Grant applications will be available to Connect participants beginning on October 15. Learn more [here](#).

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## Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines announces plans for Campus and C3 Center](#)

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine announces the Mary Jo and Richard H. Stanley Human Conditions Support Fund](#)

[Donna Dostal, president and CEO of the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation, appointed to the Iowa Arts Council](#)

[The Winnebago County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, promotes gifts of grain during harvest season](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### **The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine hosts Dr. Jim Yong Kim**

Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 8 and the featured speaker for this event is Dr. Jim Yong Kim, who grew up in Muscatine, and was named the President of the World Bank. Dr. Kim has devoted his life to changing global development, health, and education policies to shift people's sense of what is possible. [Learn more here](#).

### **Empower Rural Iowa Grant Programs Available**

Empower Rural Iowa has an array of grant programs available, including Rural Child Care Market Study grants, Rural Return Grant Program, Rural Housing

Assessment Grant Program, Rural Innovation Grant Program, and the Rural Leadership Grant Program. [Learn more here.](#)

## Career Center Postings

### Grantmaking Specialist II

Quad Cities Community Foundation

*Full-time | Quad Cities of IA/IL*

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

### Washington Snapshot

You can read the latest edition of Washington Snapshot [here](#).



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