



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!](#)

## Spring Capacity Building Grants Open

Capacity Building grants are available to qualified community foundations and their affiliates each year in Spring and Fall cycles. These grants support activities which increase a foundation's ability for sustainable endowment growth/building. The timeline for the spring cycle is:

- Pre-applications available [on the ICoF website](#) **February 1**
- Pre-applications reviewed on a rolling basis through **5 pm on March 1**
- Final applications are due by **5 pm on April 1**
- Grant applicants will be notified of grant decisions by **May 1**

## Legislative Update

Two updates related to our state-legislated programs:

- Representative Kaufmann introduced HSB 614 that would direct sports wagering receipt dollars to the County Endowment Fund Program. It is still unclear what the sports wagering receipt will be in a typical year. The bill unanimously passed out of the House State Government Committee on February 3 and has been introduced as [HF2286](#).

- **Please contact your local House Representatives** and encourage them to support this bill. You can use this [CEFP Fact Sheet](#), the [Legislative Talking Points](#) and [this year's CEFP Report](#) to support your conversations.
- The Senate released their tax bill, which includes a change to the maximum amount of Endow Iowa tax credits that are available to an individual taxpayer from 5 percent of the authorized credits (currently \$300,000 per taxpayer) to \$100,000 per taxpayer. This is one part of the Endow Iowa ask this year, which is outlined in this [Fact Sheet](#).

We will continue to monitor both of these items and appreciate your engagement on the first item.

## Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

### Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Wednesday, March 30 | 7:30 - 9 am | Iowa State Capitol Rotunda

Please join your community foundation colleagues from around the state as we gather at the State Capitol to talk about the important work of Iowa community foundations with legislators. Invitations will be distributed to all legislators. We will have printed copies of legislative resources available that day.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## Endow Iowa Advocacy

We partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, and Pottawattamie County Community Foundation on [guest columns](#) advocating for an increase in the annual Endow Iowa allocation.

## County Endowment Fund Program Annual Report

The County Endowment Fund Program Annual Report will be distributed to State Legislators and the Governor's Office soon. This report serves as an annual accounting of how the CEFP funds were distributed throughout the state and granted to local communities. Thank you to all staff and volunteers who completed their reports with the data from their county community foundation. You can [view the 2020-2021 annual report here](#).

Again this year, we encourage community foundations to share a local grant impact story when you distribute your copies of the CEFP Report. We have developed this [one-page template](#) to make it easier for you to share how this program has made a positive impact in your county.

Each community foundation will receive printed copies of the report for distribution. If you have questions regarding the report or template, or would like additional copies of the report, please [contact us](#).

## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### **Connect Conference Series Session 2: Home Town Talent Retention**

Tuesday, February 2 | 10 - 11:30 am | Zoom

Join us for the second Connect Conference Series session of 2022! Together we will learn from community foundation and rural development leaders about strategies to support young people, facilitate leadership development and to retain talent in communities.

[Learn More and Register](#)

### **Connect Conference Series Session 3: CF 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](#)

### **Rural Equity Leadership Series**

*Hosted in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque*  
May 17, June 14, and July 12 | 10 – 11:30 am | Zoom

Community foundation leaders in rural areas are invited to join us for a three-part series of interactive online workshops focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities of embracing the changing demographics of rural landscapes.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## **CF Stories Blog**

This month, Jason Neises, Community Development Coordinator at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, shares his insights on cultivating assets in rural Iowa.

[Read the blog 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](#).*

In an effort to streamline the granting process and create efficiencies for local nonprofits, the **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine**, Muscatine Charities, United Way of Muscatine, and Early Childhood Iowa Muscatine County have joined together to create a local Funder Network.

To learn more about this community collaboration and other examples of *What's Next for Philanthropy in the 2020's?* click [here](#) to watch the recording of the ICoF Winter Membership Meeting. Lynsey Krusie, the Program Manager at the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, shares how they are saving significant time for grantwriters and staff at 48:52.

## Community Foundations in the News

[Floyd County Community Foundation](#) awards over \$130K in grants

[Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa](#) awards grants to 24 Black Hawk County nonprofits

[Community Foundation of Osceola County](#) awards grants totaling \$127K

## Articles & Items of Interest

**House Version of ACE Act Introduced**

Last week, Congresswoman Pingree (D-ME) and Congressman Reed (R-NY) introduced the [House version of the Accelerating Charitable Efforts \(ACE\) Act](#) with Congressman Khanna (D-CA) and Congresswoman Porter (D-CA).

### **White House Fact Sheet Summarizes New Federal Funds for Local Communities**

The White House has released a [summary](#) of 25 available or soon-to-be-available sources of funding that local governments -- particularly cities -- can compete or apply for directly.

### **Center Postings**

The following community foundation positions have been posted:

#### ***Administrative Assistant — Grantmaking and Development***

*Quad Cities Community Foundation*

*Full-time | Bettendorf, IA (Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois)*

#### ***President & Chief Executive Officer***

*Quad Cities Community Foundation*

*Full-time | Bettendorf, IA (Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois)*

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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