



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 Timeline

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

- Pre-application will be 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**

## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### **Connect Conference Series Session 1: 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 and Register](#)

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

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 | 10 - 11:30 am | Zoom

Join us for the second Connect Conference Series session of 2022! Together we will learn from rural development experts about what is currently happening in Iowa and also from colleagues who have formed strategic partnerships for the betterment of their 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](#)

## Colleague Inquiry

A community foundation is seeking information from colleagues regarding community needs surveys. They are interested in learning:

- **What survey questions have you used for past community surveys?**

They are looking to send a survey to the following groups:

- Donors
- Non-profit leaders
- High school students
- Community leaders

To provide a response to either question, [please click here](#) on or before **Friday, January 14**. Thank you, in advance, for sharing your insights with your colleagues!

## CF Stories Blog

This month, Jenna Manders, Community Foundation Services Coordinator, shares her insights on and excitement about the 2022 Connect Conference.

[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](#).*

With the Spring Capacity Building Grant cycle right around the corner, it is the perfect time to reflect on activities that increase sustainable endowment building and growth. Last year, ICoF supported two CFs with staff-like support for affiliate growth. In their recent grant reports they shared their success:

[Davis County Community Foundation](#), an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, received a grant to offset their development director's time. During the grant year, she was able to make personal contacts with more than 50 people and organizations and received \$700,000 in donations to the CF. They also created five new endowments. The director also met with at least one city/group from each town in the county.

The [Dyersville Area Community Foundation](#), an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, used their grant to support time for their director to research donor patterns from the last several years, as well as nonprofit grantees who do not currently hold an endowment fund at DACF. Funding also allowed the director to meet with donors, nonprofits and professional advisors, and to present at a community event. This led to an increase of \$98,000 in the DACF endowed fund in 2021.

You can learn more about applying for Capacity Building Grants [here](#).

## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque hosted their fourth annual Data Walk](#)

[Fremont County Community Foundation awards \\$132K in grants](#)

[Pella Community Foundation awards \\$125K in grants](#)

## Articles & Items of Interest

## The Wellmark Foundation's 2022 MATCH Grants

The Wellmark Foundation is offering two competitive Matching Assets to Community Health (MATCH) grant opportunities in 2022. The MATCH grants are designed to support projects that provide access to healthy foods or create or enhance a safe environment to be physically active in. Guidelines and important information are outlined in their [2022 Request for Applications](#).

- Access to Healthy Foods and Built Environment MATCH Grants: up to \$100K with 100% match are due February 16
- Access to Healthy Foods MATCH Grants: up to \$50K with 50% match are due September 21

## Career Center Postings

The following community foundation positions have been posted:

- **Community Foundation of Johnson County -- Administrative Coordinator**, *Coralville, Full-time*
- **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa -- Vice President of Community Impact**, *Cedar Valley, Full-Time*
- **Quad Cities Community Foundation -- President & CEO**, *Bettendorf, IA, Full-Time*

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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