



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!](#)

News & Upcoming Events for Iowa Community Foundations

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](#)

Idea Implementation Grants Available

Community foundations who participated in one or more Connect Community Foundations Conference Virtual Series sessions in 2021 are eligible to apply for an Idea Implementation Grant. Requests can 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. The Spring Cycle concluded in early June and the **Fall Cycle applications are now available and due**

November 15 by 5 pm. Each community foundation is eligible to receive one Idea Implementation grant in calendar year 2021.

[Learn More and Apply for Grant](#)

Weigh in on the Future of the Connect Conference

That's a wrap! As we conclude our 2021 Connect Conference Virtual Series, we would like to gather information from as many of you as possible about your preferences for the future of the Connect Conference for Iowa community foundations. Please take a few moments to let us know your thoughts!

[Provide Feedback](#)

Learning Opportunities

Save the Date! 2022 Community Foundations Boot Camp

March 2, 3 & 4 and 9, 10 & 11 | Noon - 1 pm CT each day

The program is offered in six sessions scheduled over two weeks. The Iowa Council of Foundations will subsidize registration costs for Iowa community foundations through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative. The cost will be \$100 per person. *Registration will open in the December CF Snapshot.*

[More information](#)

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](#).

This month we'd like to draw your attention to the wealth of information shared over the past two weeks during the Connect Conference's Peer Learning

conversations. Thanks to all who could join us for these peer group discussions! You may view the [recordings and resources here](#).

Colleague Inquiry

A community foundation colleague is seeking input from the ICoF network regarding office closures over the holidays. They ask:

Are you considering an office closure the week of Thanksgiving or at another time to promote mental health and a chance for your employees to recharge?

[Please click here to respond](#) **on or before Friday, November 5**. Thank you, in advance, for sharing your insights with your colleagues!

Community Foundations in the News

[Cedar Falls Community Foundation grants benefit childcare providers](#)

[Community Foundation of Johnson County awards over \\$314K in grants](#)

[Siouxland Community Foundation's Siouxland Big Give raises nearly \\$190K for area nonprofits](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Empower Rural Iowa Grants available

Four grants through the Center for Rural Revitalization at IEDA are currently open and accepting applications through Iowa Grants: Rural Innovation Grant Program; Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program; Rural Child Care Market Study Grant Program; and the Rural Return Program. [Learn more here](#).

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

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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