



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!](#)

In-Person Event Ahead!



Disaster Recovery Fund Activated

The Greater Madison County Community Foundation, and affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, has established the Disaster Recovery Fund to support those negatively impacted by the tornado that

impacted Madison County on March 5. You can [make online gifts here](#) or mail a contribution to 1217 N. 6th Ave. Suite 3, Winterset, IA 50273. Please share this information with your networks as you see fit. Thank you.

Legislative Update

Two updates related to our state-legislated programs:

- [HF2286](#) would direct sports wagering receipt dollars to the County Endowment Fund Program. The bill was recently amended: the first \$1.7M will be allocated to the Department of Public Health for gambling treatment. The amendment and bill passed with near-unanimous support. This bill now heads to House floor for debate.
 - **Please contact your local legislators** and encourage them to support this bill. You can use this [CEFP Fact Sheet](#), the [Legislative Talking Points](#) and [this year's CEFP Report](#) as resources.
- The Governor signed a tax bill on March 1 which included an amendment to the Endow Iowa tax credit, reducing the maximum amount of tax credits awarded to an individual taxpayer to \$100,000 annually. This is a change the Iowa Community Foundations CEO Network proposed with a goal to help free up more credits for other donors and to make the program more equitable. CFs are still seeking an increase in the annual allocation of Endow Iowa credits from \$6M to \$10M, as outlined in this [Fact Sheet](#). ICoF recently partnered with the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque on [guest columns](#) advocating for the increase.

We will continue to monitor both of these items.

Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

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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 have been distributed to all legislators. We will have printed copies of legislative resources available that day.

[Learn More and Register](#)

New Training Videos and Tools Available!

ICoF has released short videos for community foundation and affiliate boards and advisory committees to assist in ongoing training and professional development. Videos are designed to be viewed during a board meeting. Each video has a complementary tool that participants can complete at the meeting to accompany their learning and move the board members – both individually and collectively – to action on that specific topic.

The fifth and sixth video are now available and features 2021 Connect Conference speaker Sheryl Aikman, Heaton Smith Group:

- [Gift Planning Assets and Vehicles video](#) + [Prospect Planning Tool](#)
- [The Gift Planning Conversation video](#) + [Gift Planning Tool](#)

Upcoming Trainings & Events

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

Leaders in Iowa know the importance of making their communities welcoming and inclusive places to live, work, raise families and retire. Successful communities understand that centering equity in these conversations ensures that reality for all Iowans and newcomers. Census data tells us that demographics in Iowa are shifting, and we must adapt and evolve as our communities change.

Understanding rural equity and leading racial equity conversations in rural Iowa is good, important and sometimes challenging work. Leaders have been asking us questions like:

- Where do we start? What language do we use?
- How do we support newcomers and diverse populations in our rural towns?
- How do we lead these conversations with business and community partners?

If you've been asking these questions, this three-part series is for you! These interactive conversations will give rural Iowa leaders knowledge and tools to apply in their work. The series will equip leaders to bring their communities/counties together around what they love most about their unique place and the people who call it home.

This series will create a network of regional leaders committed to rural equity who will continue to be allies for each other, as we collectively build bridges and learn to communicate across cultures in rural Iowa. We will use tools developed for the Community Heart & Soul® process that are designed to do meaningful community engagement work in small, rural towns. The tools involve all voices and bring people together around the things that matter most. We hope you will join us - and consider inviting a colleague or fellow community leader to participate with you as well!

[Learn More and Register](#)

Cybersecurity Training

Hosted in partnership with Twin State Technical Services

April 27 | 10 – 11 am | Zoom

The Iowa Council of Foundations has been doing our own work in this area and have learned a lot -- there was so much we didn't know that we didn't know! We wanted to bring this introductory training to our members and Iowa community foundations to help raise awareness and answer your questions about where to start with cybersecurity.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Peer Learning Circle: Other Duties as Assigned

May 4 | 10 – 11 am | Zoom

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. To continue these conversations and opportunities to learn from one another in a virtual format, the Peer Learning Circles (PLC) are sessions designed to gather and discuss topics and ideas of interest to participants. These conversations will provide an opportunity for you to pose questions to your peers at other community foundations throughout Iowa.

This particular PLC is designed to focus on “other duties as assigned” and is strategically scheduled one week after our cybersecurity conversation. This session is for people who are responsible for the following, common "other duties as assigned" tasks in your organization: human resources, cybersecurity, technology, etc. Please let us know on your registration form if there are other topics you'd like to discuss.

Iowa Council of Foundations staff will monitor the conversations and you will be asked to submit questions in advance to help guide the conversation.

[Learn More and Register](#)

CF Stories Blog

This month, Kari McCann Boutell, President at the Iowa Council of Foundations, shares her insights on tips for connecting with local legislators and the importance of this session for Iowa Community Foundations.

[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](#).

Beginning in 2018, the **Dyersville Area Community Foundation** board began investing in a staff person to support their work. DACF Executive Director Michelle Grover has since leveraged a capacity building grant to grow their endowed assets more than \$98,000 this past year and now utilizes the ICoF training videos as part of her board meetings to keep her board apprised of current topics in the community foundation field. The ICoF team recognized the videos may not suit all your organizations needs and you may be looking for a live presentation. Thus, we are introducing the [Plug and Play List](#) for customized training.

Colleague Inquiry

A member has requested your help with the following:

"**[We] would like to see CEO position descriptions for ICoF member foundations.**" Can you share yours? [Send it to Laura](#) by noon on Friday, March 11, please!

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Carroll County](#) awards nearly \$200k in grants

[Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#) sees record 2021 contributions

[Quad Cities Community Foundation](#) has now awarded over \$100M in grants

Articles & Items of Interest

Cybersecurity Update from Technology Association of Grantmakers

We received a notice from TAG reporting that several TAG member foundations are "seeing an increase in unusual network activity and attempted breaches for their foundations and nonprofit partners." [Here](#) are steps to ensure your organization is being proactive on cybersecurity.

2022 RCDI Program Announced

The Notice announcing the acceptance of applications under the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) program for FY22 [was published](#).

Iowa Rural Summit Registration Open

Registration is open for the 6th annual Iowa Rural Summit, to be held April 12-13 in Ames. [Learn more and register here](#).

Center Postings

The following community foundation positions have been posted:

Program Manager

Waterloo Community Foundation
Full-time | Waterloo, IA

Manager of Donor Relations and Data Services

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
Full-time | Cedar Falls, IA

Administrative Assistant - Grantmaking and Development

Quad Cities Community Foundation
Full-time | Quad Cities/Bettendorf, IA

Charitable Giving Advisor

Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines
Full-time | Des Moines, 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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