



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!](#)

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Registration Open: Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference

Thursday, September 15 | 9 am - 4:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston, Iowa

Join us to learn from state and national experts about trends in philanthropy and best practices for community foundations! This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their region and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a FREE opportunity sponsored through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

Again this year, community foundations that send at least two representatives to Connect will be eligible for mileage reimbursement (up to \$100 per CF). Attendees are also eligible to apply for Idea Implementation grant funding (up to \$2,500 per CF). Register today!

[Learn More and Register](#)

Registration Open: Connect Community Foundations Pre-Conference

Wednesday, September 14 | 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston, Iowa

Join Dawn Brown, President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Grant County, Indiana, as she shares when the marriage of a logical left-brain method was merged with some creative right-brain moxie, their donations doubled in the first year. Since then, she's streamlined the system and tracked remarkable increases in donors and donations each year since the Small Nonprofit Stewardship Blueprint was born. She's taught this strategy hundreds of times throughout the years and would love to teach you, too. Let her use her years of experience to help you further your community foundation's mission by engaging the right donors with the perfect message at the right time.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Foundant User Group

Wednesday, September 14 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston, Iowa

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.

[Registration opening soon - stay tuned for an e-mail from Foundant.](#)

2022 Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

October 12-14

Wichita, KS

The Conference is tailored but not limited to small-staffed and volunteer-led community foundations in rural, small urban, and suburban America. It is designed to meet the needs of both new and seasoned board members and staff in practical training to enhance skills in all major areas of community

foundation management. It offers deep practical learning, concrete ideas to walk away with, valuable connections, and know-how from those who do the community foundation work day-to-day.

[Learn More and Register](#)

2022 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference

Tuesday, August 9 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Iowa Valley Community College, 3700 S Center St, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Do you have a youth philanthropy group in your community? Encourage them to attend the 2022 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference!

[Learn More and Register](#)

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](#).

The ICoF team has developed tools to assist you with your fund development. These new customizable one-pagers allow you to personalize with your foundation's information and logo, and utilize with your donors and prospects. If there are other tools you would like to see, please [contact Jenna](#).

The [Types of Gifts/Types of Funds One-Pager](#) showcases the various types of gifts and funds accepted by community foundations.

The [Endowed Fund: How it Works One-Pager](#) showcases the benefits of gifting to an endowment at an Iowa community foundation.

Community Foundations in the News

[Buchanan County Community Foundation](#) awards \$149K to local nonprofits

[Fort Dodge Community Foundation](#) supports a safer community

Teens for Tomorrow students ([Quad Cities Community Foundation](#)) raise \$5,500 to set grantmaking record

Articles & Items of Interest

Applications accepted from rural communities

IEDA & Empower Rural Iowa opened six competitive grants available for rural communities with a population under 20,000. Guidelines, scoring rubrics, and informational webinars for all programs are available on the [Center for Rural Revitalization's website](#). Applications are accepted via [lowagrants.gov](#) and are due by September 1, 2022.

Letters of Intent now being accepted for childcare solutions

Iowa Women's Foundation is currently accepting Letters of Interest (LOIs) for the upcoming Building Community Child Care Solutions (BCCCS) fund grants. This fund is in its 6th year and to date has awarded \$190,000 to programs that have increased the number of childcare spaces throughout Iowa. [Learn more](#).

Master Builders of Iowa's MBI-WORKS Endowment accepting requests

The MBI-WORKS Endowment is a funding stream/grant opportunity for nonprofits and educational institutions with a commitment to increasing the number of people entering the commercial construction workforce. Up to \$30K awarded per application. Deadline to apply: September 16, 2022. [Learn more](#).

Charitable Giving Data

Charitable giving declined by 0.7% to \$484.9 billion in 2021, according to [new data from Giving USA](#), when factoring in inflation. Two-thirds (67.5%) of charitable giving came from individuals, down from 83% forty years ago. The

new report uses the [2020 IRS tax data](#) to show that giving in the first year of the pandemic actually rose 8.1% over 2019. The [Charitable Giving Coalition](#) said in a news release, “When adjusted for inflation, the 2021 numbers for individuals are just now approaching the pre-tax reform level of giving in 2017.” The statement continued, “Coupled with the steady decline in the percentage of Americans giving to charity over the past two decades, sound public policy encouraging charitable giving is now more important than ever.” The [full Giving USA report](#) will be released in mid-July.

New GEO Report: Centering Equity through Flexible, Reliable Funding

In their latest publication, GEO demonstrates through field scans and in-depth interviews how a commitment to flexible, reliable funding can support the sector to be more equitable and community-driven in its practice. [Read more](#) here.

Iowa Arts Council Opens FY2023 Grants and Designations

Get ready for new and returning grant offerings from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs beginning July 1. [Learn more](#).

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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