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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!](#)

Legislative Update

[HF 2566](#) passed the House 87-6 but was never taken up by the Senate due to different opinions on how to spend the sports gaming dollars. No decision was made during the 2022 session on how to allocate those funds. This conversation will continue over the interim and during the 2023 legislative session.

Reports Released

ICoF has recently published two new reports for the ICoF network and the broader philanthropic field. These reports capture the success and learnings of two different bodies of work that while quite different in scope, together show just how much we can accomplish as a network.

[*In a New Light: Philanthropy-Serving Organizations and Co-Funding Projects*](#) looks at eight years of work the ICoF Education Funders Network dedicated to the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. The report shares the outcomes of this collaborative funding effort and also examines more closely just how we got the work done -- together. Deep appreciation for all (31!) ICoF members who contributed to this work. Bravo!

[*From Implicit to Explicit: Lessons for Supporting Funders in Advancing Racial Equity in Philanthropy*](#) details what we learned and accomplished in our

2021 ICoF Racial Equity Cohort, in which nearly 40% of our members participated.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Rural Equity Leadership Series

Hosted in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Remaining Sessions: June 14 and July 12 | 10 – 11:30 am | Zoom

We had a terrific kick-off session in May for the Rural Equity Leadership Series. You can still register if you are interested in joining! A recording of the first session is available [here](#).

[Learn More and Register](#)

Connect Conference: Scholarships - Opportunities for Equity and Impact

June 15 | 10 – 11 am | Zoom

Community foundations manage a variety of scholarships. Many are complex, small-dollar scholarship funds with specific selection criteria defined by donors. These funds usually require significant administrative support and many argue contribute very little to increasing local postsecondary degree attainment. As a field, how do we move away from these challenging scholarship funds and move toward more equitable scholarship practices to maximize impact for students? Join us to learn more about what two Iowa community foundations are doing to help students. We will explore options to make changes in your scholarship administration. There will also be time to meet your fellow scholarship managers throughout the state.

[Learn More and Register](#)

CF Stories Blog

This month, Alissa O'Connor, president & secretary of the Humboldt County Community Foundation, shares why she registered for the Rural Equity Leadership Series and what she gained from the first session.

[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](#).

[Idea Implementation Grants](#) 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.

This past year, the [Boone County Community Foundation](#) utilized a \$1,000 grant to host a professional advisor seminar. They were able to reach 22 professional advisors. For most, it was the first time they understood how the community foundation could benefit their clients. Additionally, and as a result of the seminar, they were asked to host an educational night for one firm's clients. They built new relationships and a path toward future fund development.

The [Greene County Community Foundation](#) utilized \$775 of their grant award to launch a campaign to educate the community about their foundation and the role it plays in the county. As a result of the lunch-and-learn and campaign, GCCF held conversations with 152 community members and raised just shy of \$60,000 for their endowment fund.

Congratulations to these two affiliate community foundations! We look forward to reviewing Idea Implementation Grant requests, which can be submitted at any time this year until November 15, 2022. [Learn more and apply here!](#)

Colleague Inquiry

[New] A colleague is looking for feedback on **accepting online donations of complex gifts**. Does your community foundation offer online stock donations and/or online IRA Charitable Rollovers? If so, what vendor/website do you use? >>[Provide a response to this colleague inquiry](#) by Friday, June 10th.

Community Foundations in the News

[Allamakee County Community Foundation](#) awards \$110K to local nonprofits

[Community Foundation for Western Iowa](#) celebrates renovated home, new name

[Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#) receives \$45M gift to benefit eight Iowa nonprofits

Articles & Items of Interest

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 here](#).

Values-Aligned Philanthropy Webinar

Building on the work of the Council's 2021 white paper, [Values-Aligned Philanthropy: Foundations Resisting Hate and Extremism](#), this webinar will offer information and how-tos for community foundations. Join COF to learn about community foundation anti-hate and values-aligned policies, discuss the issue with your peers, and get guidance for using their new toolkit, launching June 13. [Register here](#).

Career Center Postings

The following community foundation positions have been posted:

Charitable Giving Advisor

Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines
Full-time / Des Moines, IA

Director of Community Impact

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa

Full-time | Cedar Valley, 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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