



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

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](#)

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 is again partnering with Foundant to offer this training for 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 Foundant trainer.

[Learn More and Register](#)

CF Boot Camp

Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Begins November 2 | 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 three days and it is recommended that you plan to join each session live:

- Wednesday, November 2 | 9:30 AM - Noon
- Wednesday, November 2 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Thursday, November 3 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- Thursday, November 3 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Friday, November 4 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM

- Friday, November 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Registration for Iowa community foundations is open now through 5 pm on October 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](#)

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!

LAST DAY TO 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 [Quad Cities Community Foundation](#) announced their spring Nonprofit Capacity Building Grants—a total of \$150,000 going to 10 organizations who will invest those resources in technology upgrades, trainings, strategic planning, and other projects that will make them more effective at serving the community. They also [announced an exciting new opportunity](#) for donors to explore the worthy proposals their grant program budget didn't allow them to fund and come together with gifts of their own to help nonprofits.

Community Foundations in the News

[Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation](#) awards over \$130K in grants

[Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque](#) expands Little Free Food Pantry program through retired newspaper boxes

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#) awards over \$230K in grants

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 due September 1.

Pandemic Impact on Iowa Businesses Report #4 Now Available

A fourth survey funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration was conducted for the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) from March 16 through April 15, 2022. The Nonprofit Report [is available here](#).

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. Applications due September 16. [Learn more](#).

Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge

USDA is making available up to \$4M in cooperative agreement funds under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC) for eligible entities to help provide planning support, TA and training to foster placemaking activities in rural communities. Applications due August 15. [Learn more](#).

Career Center Postings

Vice President of Affiliate Relations

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

Research & Project Coordinator

Build A Better Grinnell 2030 Community Visioning Project / Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation
Part-time/Temporary | Grinnell, 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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