



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!](#)

2022 Connect Conference Recap & Resources

The 2022 Connect Community Foundations Conference was held on September 15. Community Foundations and affiliates from across the state came together to learn about donor stewardship, development, endowment challenge campaigns, leveraging ICoF funding opportunities, and much more!

You can access the content and supporting materials [here](#). As a reminder, [Idea Implementation Grant Applications](#) are **due November 15** and available to CFs that attended Connect (or any of the Connect virtual series sessions).

Here is a quick list (not comprehensive) of some ideas you might consider for an Idea Implementation grant:

- These [Direct Mail Ideas](#) inspired by Dawn Brown's session;
- Creating an Asset Development Plan and/or Communications Plan; or
- Working with a local donor to create an endowment challenge campaign.

If you have any questions before you submit your application, [contact Jenna](#).



Fall Capacity Building Grants Timeline

Capacity Building grants are available twice a year. These grants support opportunities for qualified CFs and their affiliates to engage in activities which increase their ability for sustainable endowment building/growth. [Pre-applications are now available](#). The timeline for the Fall cycle is:

- Pre-applications reviewed on a rolling basis through 5 pm on **October 15**
- Final applications are due by 5 pm on **November 15**
- Grant applicants will be notified of grant decisions by **December 1**

[Grant guidelines](#) and 2021 grant report forms are available [here](#).

Upcoming Trainings & Events

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 for 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](#)

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](#).

Sue Hafkemeyer, president and CEO of the **Quad Cities Community Foundation**, penned a guest column for the [Quad-City Times](#). She noted unrestricted gifts help nonprofits weather whatever difficulties factor into their unique situation. That's why they awarded 34 local nonprofits \$577,262 in Operations and Program Grants, an infusion of flexible funding.

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation for Western Iowa](#) brings SHARE Iowa to the area

Local Organizations Come Together to Focus on Equity in the Cedar Valley ([Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa](#))

[Fort Dodge Community Foundation](#), United Way launch public safety coalition

Articles & Items of Interest

The 3rd Annual Rural Leadership Exchange is Oct. 20

The event is designed for existing rural leadership program directors and managers to share best practices for expanding, renewing, and improving existing programs. Communities or organizations that are interested in starting their own programs are welcome. The event in Carroll will feature strategies for elevating local leadership, roundtable discussions on alumni engagement and

measures of success, and will be capped off with an evening event spotlighting stories of leadership from across the state. [Learn more.](#)

Rural Classroom Teachers eligible for up to \$2,500 grants

Rural Schools Collaborative is now accepting applications for the 2022-23 Cecil B. Godsil Grants in Place Fellows Program. Rural teachers in Iowa may apply for support of place-based learning. Due Oct. 14. [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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