



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!](#)

Fall Capacity Building Grants Announced

The [Capacity Building Grant Program](#) supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment building and growth. Six grants were awarded this Fall ranging from \$5,000 - \$15,000 supporting:

- **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque:** donor development
- **Community Foundation of Marshall County,** an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: endowment building
- **Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa/Omaha Community Foundation:** donor development and strategic relationships
- **Endow Urbandale,** an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: donor development and planning activities
- **Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation,** an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: donor development and strategic relationships
- **Waterloo Community Foundation:** donor development

The spring grant cycle will open February 1, 2023.

Idea Implementation Grants Announced

This year ICoF offered [Idea Implementation Grants](#) as part of the Connect Conference Virtual Series and in-person convening. Eleven grants were awarded this year ranging from \$519 - \$2,500 supporting:

- **Allamakee County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: implement two ideas from Dawn Brown's session
- **Clayton County Foundation for the Future**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: four special mailings to build their unrestricted endowment
- **Community Foundation of Des Moines County**, an affiliate of Keokuk Area Community Foundation: postcard mailer and Business After Hours
- **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**: utilize Tad Libs and Ions from Dawn Brown with affiliates
- **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine**: start a youth philanthropy program
- **Community Foundation of Johnson County**: updating branded materials to reflect mission and vision of new strategic plan
- **Dyersville Area Community Foundation**, an affiliate of Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: steward donors using direct mail
- **Endow Urbandale**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: nostalgic Valentine's Day Card
- **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation**: three-part racial equity series with Nonprofit Network
- **River Bluff Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: two new direct mailings; host a No-Show Gala to raise discretionary funds for grantmaking and operations
- **Wayne Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: community event

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Public Policy Webinar

Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 | 10 - 11 am | Zoom

We invite all community foundations to join us for this virtual conversation. We will also hear from policy partners about their priorities for the year and how ICoF members can engage and help support their work, including:

- David Adelman, Principal & Director, Cornerstone Government Affairs, and Iowa Community Foundations lobbyist, who will provide a preview of the 2023 Iowa legislative session and share an update about community foundation priorities for the year; and
- Mary Nelle Trefz, Advocacy Network Director, Iowa ACEs 360, who will be back to share an overview of their 2023 policy priorities.

ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell will also highlight the ICoF's public policy priorities for 2023. If you have any specific, policy-related questions or topics you would like to explore on the call with our speakers or your peers, please include them in your registration.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Legal Training with the Council on Foundations

Presented by Council of Foundations

Wednesday, March 8 & Thursday, March 9 | Noon - 3:30 pm | Cost: \$100*

Between now and December 15, 2022, each community foundation is welcome to register up to two staff members.

Led by the Council on Foundations (COF) Legal Team, this virtual workshop is flexibly organized to ensure that your broad legal questions for administering funds, grants, and community foundation activities are addressed. This live, participatory workshop will also provide technical and practical understanding of complex rules and regulations.

Throughout the workshop, sessions will be curated with the help of insight gleaned from the Council's top-notch legal team that interacts with nearly 2,000 foundation leaders each year, as well as trends spotted by their broader team, including the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, a supporting organization of the Council. It will be timely, relevant, and a deeper

dive than the basics, surfacing critical insights and expertise to advance your knowledge of the community foundation inner workings -- from administration to governance and donor stewardship to grantmaking. To register:

1. Please use **Legal Matters for Community Foundations, March 2023**, to login and start your registration. If you do not already have a COF login, you'll need to create one first to be able to proceed with the registration process. A new login can be created from the registration page by following the prompts.
2. Once logged in you will be asked if you are registering yourself, or a colleague; make your selection and click *Next*.
3. Under the “**I will be attending as...**” section, please select **Iowa Council**, which will then ask you to provide a passcode. The passcode is **LM323IAC**. Click *Next*.
4. Confirm or edit badge information and answer registration questions. Click *Checkout*.
5. Review your cart, and make sure the registration fee is **\$100**.
6. Complete your checkout with provided payment options.
7. If you encounter any issues, please contact the Council on Foundations at educate@cof.org.

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Colleague Inquiry

Inquiry: My board is curious as to how other foundations are accounting for inflation when determining their budgets. Is there a standard rate of inflation that you use? Do you adjust it each year or index it to something, and if so, what do you index it to? [Send responses to Laura](#) by close of business on Friday, Dec. 9, please!

Do you have a question for your colleagues? [Please let us know](#) and we will compile responses and resources from your peers across the state.

Community Foundations in the News

Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine collaborates on \$1.8M grant to begin 3-D printed home project

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation subscribes to community solar garden

National Community Foundation Week highlights impact of local **Iowa Community Foundations**

Articles & Items of Interest

Ensuring Rural Communities Welcome Everyone

Anyone interested in techniques for fostering community belonging, for both new and long-time residents alike, should attend to share a success story or experience and hear from others. [Join Aspen Institute's Community Strategies Group for this group discussion on December 9 from 12-2 pm.](#)

Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant Now Open

The program provides free paint to a wide variety of community projects throughout Iowa, administered through Keep Iowa Beautiful with the paint provided by the Diamond Vogel Paint Company. The online grant application is now open to Iowans and can be completed and submitted by February 10, 2023. [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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