



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!](#)



The 2023 Connect Community Foundations Conference virtual series will include one virtual webinar each quarter with a culminating, in-person conference in September. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned!

Spring Capacity Building Grant Timeline

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. Grants are available each year in Spring and Fall cycles. The 2023 spring timeline is:

- Pre-application will be available on the ICoF website **February 1**
- Pre-applications reviewed on a rolling basis through 5 pm on **March 1**
- Final applications are due by 5 pm on **March 31**
- Grant applicants will be notified of grant decisions by **May 1**

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](#)

CF Boot Camp

Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Wednesday, February 8 - Friday, February 10 | 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:

- February 8 | 9:30am-Noon, 1-3 pm
- February 9 | 9:30-11:30am, 1-3 pm
- February 10 | 9:30-11:30am, 1-3 pm

Registration for Iowa community foundations is open now through 5 pm on February 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.

[Register for Boot Camp](#)

Legal Training with the Council on Foundations

Presented by Council of Foundations

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

Each community foundation is welcome to register up to three 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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Peer Pointer

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](#).

With the Spring Capacity Building Grant cycle right around the corner, it is the perfect time to reflect on activities that increase sustainable endowment

building and growth. Last year, ICoF supported a grant to the [Quad Cities Community Foundation](#) for data clean up. In their recent grant report, they shared the clean-up was able to help them open 59 new endowments with more than \$1.5M over the course of 16 months.

How did they do it? They leveraged contract relationships with 3 people who knew their system. A former employee did the bulk of the clean-up from October 2021 – November 2022 for an average of 13 hours per month. The two other contractors were already under contract as administrative support for Grantmaking and Development departments. They were assigned a few of the larger, more department-specific, projects (professional advisors, family philanthropy) and logged 40 hours each for these projects.

Community Foundations in the News

[Crawford County Community Foundation](#) celebrates 2022 grant recipients

The [Community Foundation for Western Iowa's](#) SHARE Iowa initiative helped raise over \$1.25M to benefit nonprofits in their region

[Story County Community Foundation](#) awards \$131k to local organizations

Articles & Items of Interest

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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