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Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund Matching Grant Program Guidelines

What is a disaster recovery fund?

Community foundations across Iowa have established Disaster Recovery Funds to provide support to organizations in their community and ensure they have the resources to target their community's long-term recovery efforts following a disaster. These funds aid in the weeks and months after a disaster, when attention turns from emergency response to community recovery. Donations are always accepted to the fund to support future disaster recovery efforts when they arise.

These funds are often created and held at community foundations and resources are deployed in partnership with disaster response and front-line organizations in the community. These partners work together to develop a strategy for both raising and distributing funds. These funds provide an opportunity for the public to give with the reassurance their donations will be used to quickly move resources to where they are most needed and to adapt to evolving needs during times of disaster.

Overview

Through participation in The Funders' Network's Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency, and Emergency Partnership (PPREP) cohort, the Iowa Council of foundations has received funding to re-grant throughout the state. Our goal is to leverage this funding to support several community foundations by positioning them with seed money for their disaster recovery funds and to support future community needs.

Guidelines

There is a total of \$20,000 available in the grant pool. Funds will be deployed on a first-come, first-served basis. Matching dollars may be raised for an existing Disaster Recovery Fund or to establish a new Disaster Recovery Fund if your county doesn't have one at your community foundation. *The ICoF reserves the right to increase grant awards based on funds remaining in the grant pool at the end of the grant cycle.*

Eligibility & Requirements

- These matching grants are open to any countywide Iowa community foundation not currently participating in the PPREP cohort (Dubuque, Linn, and Scott counties are not eligible).
- Awards will be for \$500 per community foundation.
- Applicants must demonstrate a 3:1 cash match (\$1,500 raised to receive a \$500 grant) for their Disaster Recovery Fund. County Endowment Fund Program (CEFP) grant dollars may not be used for this match, though dollars allocated from a CEFP endowment fund payout to a Disaster Recovery Fund can be counted.
- *This support must be used to leverage new funds for a Disaster Recovery Fund.* Matching funds may be raised from February 6, 2023, through November 15, 2023.

Application Process

Applicants must submit an online application [here](#). Applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis through November 15, 2023, or until all funds are allocated. The monthly *CF Snapshot* e-newsletter will include ongoing updates about the funds that remain available.

Contact Information

Please contact Jenna Manders, Community Foundations Services Coordinator, by phone at (515) 989-1188 or email at jmanders@iowacounciloffoundations.org with questions.

Resources Available

The Iowa Community Foundations Initiative [Disaster Philanthropy Toolkit](#) has a number of resources including:

- Setting up the Disaster Recovery Fund (page 9)
- Sample Fund Agreement (pages 10-11)

Ideas to Raise Match

Here are a few ideas of how to raise the match dollars for your Disaster Recovery Fund:

- Allocate a portion of your CEFP endowment payout
- Ask each advisory committee member to make a gift (e.g., if you have 15 advisory committee members, each could give \$100)
- Reach out to 3 local businesses to each give \$500