



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

### ICoF Rural Equity & Housing Justice Cohort

September - December 2023

The ICoF Rural Equity & Housing Justice Cohort with Funders Together to End Homelessness is an engagement spanning both in-person and virtual events for a deep dive into the intersection of housing justice and racial equity. *Full registration for the cohort is now open!*

- [Recording](#) of the July 27 Quarterly Membership Meeting
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- September 14 from 1 - 2:30 pm: Webinar with Funders Together
- October 10 & 12: Two Learning-from-Place site visits (do one or both!)
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  - October 10 in Omaha/Council Bluffs (\$25)
  - October 12 in Muscatine (\$25)
- December 14 from 1 - 2:30 pm: Debrief Webinar with Funders Together

[Learn More & Register](#)

### Foundant User Group

Wednesday, September 27 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston, Iowa

ICoF has once again partnered with Foundant to offer this virtual training to 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 trainer. Lunch is provided.

***Registration opens soon -- Stay tuned for an email from Foundant!***

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### **Connect Community Foundations Pre-Conference: Picture Your Legacy**

Wednesday, September 27 | 2 - 3:30 pm

Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston, Iowa

With interactive exercises and small group discussions, 21/64 will help participants reflect on their vision for the legacy they want to leave in the world in order to then practice facilitating that same conversation with donors, listening deeply to what the donors have to say, and reflect back what they hear. The session will allow attendees to explore how multigenerational family philanthropy and other endeavors can be enriched as elders communicate their legacies to the next generation who, in turn, begin to clarify their own voices and become peers at the philanthropic table.

[Learn More & Register](#)

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### **Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference**

Thursday, September 28 | 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 & Register](#)

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### **CF Boot Camp**

*Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance*

Wednesday, October 11 - Friday, October 13 | 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, October 11 | 9:30 AM - Noon
- Wednesday, October 11 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Thursday, October 12 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- Thursday, October 12 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Friday, October 13 | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- Friday, October 13 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM

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

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## **2023 Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations**

October 18-20 | \$ | 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 & Register](#)

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## **County Endowment Fund Program Updates**

This year, \$13,496,277 will be distributed across the 84 counties that participate in the County Endowment Fund Program.

Each participating county will receive \$158,914. Per the legislation:

- 25% (\$39,728.50) is to be applied to the unrestricted endowment fund for that county.
- 75% (\$119,185.50) is to be distributed in grants for charitable projects/programs within the county.

This year, the maximum 5% self-grant will be \$5,959.28.

### **HOW CAN YOU STRENGTHEN YOUR GRANTMAKING POLICIES AND PROCESS?**

- Refresh your grant guidelines.
- Set a grant minimum.
- Remove grant maximums.

### **HOW CAN YOU LEVERAGE THESE FUNDS TO SUPPORT STAFFING CAPACITY?**

- You can use your unrestricted endowment payout;
- You can utilize a self-grant (up to 5% of your annual CEFP grantmaking funds); and/or

- You can leverage an ICoF capacity building grant (pre-applications available beginning September 15).

## COUNTY ENDOWMENT FUND REPORTS

Each year, ICoF collects information about the grantmaking and endowment building taking place in Iowa in the counties that participate in the CEFP. A detailed email with instructions for the reporting process has been sent to host and standalone community foundations. All reports are due on or before this Friday, August 11. Please [contact us](#) with questions.

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## Public Policy Update + Invite

Federal: Introduced by Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL) and Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL) in the House and Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) in the Senate, [S.1757/H.R.3582](#) would amend the tax code to treat postgraduation scholarship grants as a charitable activity. Charitable foundations would be able to award post-graduation scholarships to recent graduates with student debt. In exchange, these individuals would live and work in an area in need of their skills. ICoF has been engaging on this bill as it is a priority outlined in our Public Policy Agenda. If you would like to voice your support for this legislation, please consider taking action.

### Join the Workforce Scholarship Coalition Kick-off Meeting

August 22 | 3 - 4 pm CT | Zoom

The Workforce Scholarship Coalition is a growing national coalition that builds broad support for workforce scholarship legislation, including charitable organizations, PSOs, and organizations involved in workforce development, post-secondary education, and economic development. If you are interested in joining this meeting or the coalition, [please connect with Jenna Manders](#).

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## Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant

The [Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant Program](#) application deadline has been extended to November 15. The ICoF team continues to monitor storms and flooding and notifies counties when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in their county.

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## Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque](#) releases report on immigration

\$200k anti-crime grant awarded to the [Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way](#)

Youth learn about philanthropy at [2023 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### 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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