



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!](#)

Register for Connect Conference Events Today!

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.

[Learn More & Register](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Upcoming Training & 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 this fall. *Full registration for the cohort is now open and details for the learning-from-place site visits in Omaha and Muscatine are now available!*

- [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!)

- - 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Planning for Scholarship Season?

Community foundations are keeping a close eye on the [new Better Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and how this may impact their scholarship processes. There will be a Peer Learning Circle at our annual [Connect Conference](#) to discuss [the new FAFSA](#) and how foundations are interpreting need based on the new FAFSA report and SAI. Join us!

Making the Most of the CEFP

As you prepare grant your 2023 County Endowment Fund Program dollars, there is no better time to review your policies and practices. Please reference this [Maximizing Your CEFP Dollars](#) resource. The document also references our [Guide to Effective Grantmaking](#). As you navigate the allocation process, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can be helpful.

Please remember, it is important to THANK legislators for this investment. Every press release should mention where these dollars come from. You may use this sample [press release](#) to announcing the receipt of the funding and/or your grant distributions.

We also encourage you to consider raising funds for a disaster recovery fund for your county. Those that raise \$1,500 or more are eligible for a \$500 match through the [DRF Matching Grants](#). While you can't use your CEFP grantmaking dollars for this match, your CEFP endowment payout dollars can count toward eligibility.

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 and notify CFs when the Governor declares a state of emergency in their county.

Community Foundations in the News

Building collapse residents eligible for disaster relief from [Quad Cities Community Foundation](#)

[River Bluff Community Foundation](#) introduces Energize Clinton

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

Articles & Items of Interest

4th Annual Rural Leadership Exchange is Oct. 26 & 27

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 Nevada 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.](#)

Career Center Postings

Marketing and Communications Manager

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
Full-time | Cedar Valley area

Director of Charitable Impact

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
Full-time | Cedar Valley area

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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