



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!](#)

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## 2023 Connect Conference Recap & Resources

The 2023 Connect Community Foundations Conference was held on September 28. Community Foundations and affiliates from across the state came together to learn about rural leadership demands, donor and family legacy planning tools, leveraging ICoF funding opportunities, and much more!

Content and supporting materials can be found [here](#). As a reminder, [Idea Implementation Grant Applications](#) are **due November 15** and available to CFs that attended Connect (or any of the Connect virtual series sessions in 2023).

Here is a quick list (not comprehensive) of some ideas you might consider for an Idea Implementation grant:

- Ordering Picture Your Legacy or Motivational Values cards from [21/64](#);
- Hosting a community-wide nonprofit leadership summit; or
- Supporting leadership development training for your community.

If you have any questions before you submit your application, [contact Jenna](#).

A big thanks to our Iowa community foundation leaders who shared their work:

- Alex Baum, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque
- Shelly Maharry, Community Foundation of Johnson County (*pictured*)
- Amy Wiles, Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
- Erin Tink, Waterloo Community Foundation



## Fall Capacity Building Grants Timeline

Capacity Building grants are available twice a year. These grants support opportunities for qualified CFs and their affiliates to engage in activities which increase their ability for sustainable endowment building/growth. [Pre-applications are now available](#). The timeline for the Fall cycle is:

- Pre-applications reviewed on a rolling basis through 5 pm on **October 16**
- Final applications are due by 5 pm on **November 15**
- Grant applicants will be notified of grant decisions by **December 1**

[Grant guidelines](#) and [2022 grant report forms](#) are available online.

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

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## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### **CF Boot Camp - *Last call for registration!***

*Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance*

Begins October 11 | 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 and Register](#)

## 2023 Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

October 18-20 | \$ | Wichita, KS

The Conference is tailored for 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 and Register](#)

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## Colleague Inquiries

Colleagues have submitted the following inquiries:

**Do you have an Organizational Development Plan template you would be willing to share?** We are looking for a broader overview for us to follow every year. We would then use that template to drill down into specific areas to follow that align with strategic plans/yearly goals/etc.

**Would you share your Conflict of Interest form itself, and also how you collect and process these forms?** Up to this point, I have used a complicated spreadsheet to track the members for each committee, the date the COI is sent and returned, the date a second request is sent, etc.

Please [send your responses to Jenna](#) by Monday, October 9.

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## Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation for Western Iowa](#) hosts Impact for Women Summit

[Community Foundation of Marshall County](#) collaborates to address food insecurity

Grow Clinton partners with [River Bluff Community Foundation](#) to identify community needs

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### **The 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.](#)

### **Share Good helps community involvement**

[Share Good](#), a community involvement platform and movement, would like to spark listening tours of communities and regions around Iowa, to better understand opportunities for growing nonprofit capacity building and gaps in current efforts. Share Good is a technology partner, but enters the space as a nonprofit and works to partner with communities to grow ability for initiatives to take hold, like what the [Community Foundation for Western Iowa](#) has sparked for its region. To learn more, [schedule a call](#) with Share Good.

### **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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