



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!](#)

Idea Implementation Grants Available

Community foundations that participated in the Connect Community Foundations Conference and/or Virtual Series sessions in 2023 are eligible to apply for an Idea Implementation Grant. Requests can range from \$250-\$2,500 to support the foundation's efforts to implement an idea cultivated, developed or re-energized during a Connect session. The application process is competitive; all requests may not receive funding. [Idea Implementation Grant Applications](#) are **due November 15**.

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

- Become a [21/64 certified advisor](#) or purchase 21/64 tools for your work;
- Host a professional advisor seminar;
- Host informal gatherings at board members' homes to introduce your CF to prospective donors;
- Audit your grantmaking process, then integrate trust-based practices; or
- Host a rural leadership summit.

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

Upcoming Events

2024 Public Policy Webinar

January 26 | 10 - 11:30 am | Zoom

Join us for a virtual conversation to discuss ICoF's public policy agenda for 2024. We will also hear from policy partners about their priorities for the year and how you can engage and help support their work, including:

- David Adelman, Principal & Counsel, Cornerstone Government Affairs, and Iowa Community Foundations lobbyist, who will provide a preview of the 2024 Iowa legislative session and share an update about community foundation priorities for the year;
- Mary Nelle Trefz, Advocacy Network Director, Iowa ACEs 360, who will be back to share an overview of their 2024 policy priorities; and
- Matthew L. Evans, Senior Director of Public Policy, United Philanthropy Forum, who will provide a national public policy update and an overview of the Forum's Public Policy Principles.

ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell will also highlight the ICoF's public policy priorities for 2024. 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.

[Learn more and register](#)

Celebrate the County Endowment Fund Distribution

The County Endowment Fund Program, a one-of-a-kind program, has created a vibrant philanthropic network throughout our state. If you would like to promote the grants you are distributing this year, please feel free to utilize this [sample press release](#) which can be customized to highlight your affiliate/county and to thank local legislators for supporting this program.

Public Policy Update

Federal: On October 4 the ICoF joined thousands of sector leaders and advocates in a Philanthropy Day of Action in support of the Charitable Act

([H.R. 3435/S. 566](#)). We contacted each of our Congressional offices asking for their support of the legislation, which would incentivize millions of Americans to give and support their communities by restoring the non-itemizer charitable deduction. [A new Politico article featured new polling data from Independent Sector](#) showing broad bipartisan support for robust tax incentives for charitable giving. The data found that 87% of American voters support restoring the universal charitable deduction permanently for all taxpayers, including 51% of voters who strongly support this giving incentive.

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#) hosts Iowa Council of Foundation's Rural Equity & Housing Justice Cohort

[Community Foundation of Johnson County](#) awards a \$50k grant to Building North Liberty's Next Stage

[Fort Dodge Community Foundation & United Way](#) unveils state's first Safe Haven Baby Box

Articles & Items of Interest

Hometown Pride Program Seeking New Communities

Your hometown can join the 100+ communities who have used Hometown Pride to help grow local leadership, create new community amenities, enhance civic pride, and increase economic vitality. [Learn more.](#)

Funding Opportunities for Nonprofits and Cities

Applications are open for three “Training + Implementation Funding” programs to empower change through volunteer engagement, culminating in a 9/11 Day of Service. Applications close on December 4, 2023. Links to applications are:

- [Service Enterprise Program](#)
- [City Volunteer Engagement Initiative](#)

- [Youth Service Board Development](#)

2023 Iowa Solutions Summit: Childcare

Iowa Women's Foundation is proud to announce the first Iowa Solutions Summit with a focus on one of our six barriers. This year, they are discussing one of the most critical barriers faced by Iowa's women and girls: access to affordable, quality childcare. [Learn more.](#)

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. [Learn more.](#)

New Report on Current State of Rural Philanthropy

A new report by Inside Philanthropy offers an overview of the current state of rural philanthropy in the U.S. today. The report serves as a primer to help spotlight philanthropic activity in rural communities that is often overlooked in the broader philanthropic sector and to hopefully spark some greater interest and understanding that can lead to more and more effective philanthropic investment in rural communities. United Philanthropy Forum was a partner with Inside Philanthropy in producing the report, along with MDC and PhilanthropywoRx. [Learn more and download the report.](#)

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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