



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!](#)

Fall Capacity Building Grants Announced

The [Capacity Building Grant Program](#) supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment building and growth. Four grants were awarded this Fall:

- **Clayton County Foundation for the Future**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: donor development, operations, and planning activities
- **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**: donor development, operations, and strategic relationships
- **Pocahontas County Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: donor development and strategic relationships
- **Waterloo Community Foundation**: planning activities and strategic relationships

The spring grant cycle will open February 1, 2024.

Idea Implementation Grants Announced

This year ICoF offered [Idea Implementation Grants](#) as part of the Connect Conference Virtual Series and in-person convening. Grant requests were accepted and awarded on a rolling basis. Six grants were awarded this past month supporting:

- **Community Foundation of Des Moines County**, an affiliate of Keokuk Area Community Foundation: county-wide nonprofit summit
 - **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**: affiliate board retreat
 - **Community Foundation of Washington County**, an affiliate of Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation: board member-hosted gatherings
 - **Dyersville Area Community Foundation**, an affiliate of Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: board member-hosted gatherings
 - **Foundation for the Future of Delaware County**, an affiliate of Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: board member-hosted gatherings
 - **Pocahontas County Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: planned giving workshop
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Upcoming Trainings & Events

2024 Public Policy Webinar

January 26 | 10 - 11:30 am | Zoom

We invite all community foundations to 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 community foundations 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; and

- Mary Nelle Trefz, Advocacy Network Director, Iowa ACEs 360, who will be back to share an overview of their 2024 policy priorities.
- 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.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Disaster Recovery Fund Matching Grant

Is your community prepared for a natural disaster? Is your foundation going to be involved in the fundraising efforts?

The [Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant Program](#) application deadline has been extended to November 15, 2024. The ICoF team continues to monitor disasters and notifies counties when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in their county.

New Customizable Tools!

After the Connect Conference, a community foundation reached out to us about customizable postcard templates. Together, we created two templates for all Iowa community foundations to customize and use. Here they are:

- [A postcard that can be mailed to prospects](#)
- [A postcard that can be handed out at events](#)

Federal Public Policy Updates

Last month, the [Treasury and IRS released proposed regulations](#) that would provide guidance regarding donor-advised funds (DAFs), taxable distributions, and the agreement of certain fund managers to the making of such distributions. The agencies are seeking public comment on the proposed regulations.

United Philanthropy Forum will submit comments on behalf of our network and coordinate with members to spearhead efforts to encourage sector advocates and leaders to respond to this request for public comment. **The deadline to submit comments is January 16, 2024.**

If you have any questions about the proposed regulations, please contact [Kari McCann Boutell](#).

CF Stories Blog

This month, Sunni Kamp, director of the Southwest Iowa Foundations, shares how they updated their affiliate board orientation this year and early successes they've seen from it.

[Read the Blog Here!](#)

Peer Pointers

This section of the CF Snapshot features short descriptions of positive work happening at community foundations and affiliates across Iowa. If you'd like more information about these topics, please [contact Jenna](#).

Gatherings hosted by board members are becoming an increasingly popular way to share the great work of community foundations. We first heard about this concept from Erin Tink of the Waterloo Community Foundation in February during our [Deepening Donor Engagement webinar](#). This past month, Sue Hafkemeyer of the Quad Cities Community Foundation shared about the success of a similar event they hosted in [their newsletter](#).

Colleague Inquiries

Colleagues have submitted the following inquiries:

Do you have a sample gift acknowledgment letter for gifts of stock?

Would you be willing to share RFPs you have used for audit services?

Please send your responses [to Jenna](#) by Monday, December 11.

Community Foundations in the News

[Local and state community foundations celebrate Endow Iowa's 20th anniversary](#)

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#) give free supplies to local nonprofits

New endowment fund at [Community Foundation of Washington County](#) to benefit Latinos for Washington

Articles & Items of Interest

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 12, 2023.

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

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. The online grant application is due February 12, 2024. [Learn more.](#)

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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