



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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## Spring 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. Eight grants were awarded this spring ranging from \$1,300 - \$15,000 supporting:

- Community Foundation for Western Iowa: Strategic Relationships
- Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Donor Development
- Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine: Donor Development; Planning Activities; Strategic Relationships
- Community Foundation of Johnson County: Donor Development
- Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation: Operations
- LincolnWay Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Donor Development; Planning Activities; Strategic Relationships
- Okoboji Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: Planning Activities; Donor Development; Strategic Relationships; Operations

- River Bluff Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Board Development; Donor Development; Operations; Strategic Relationships

Pre-applications for the Fall 2024 cycle will open on September 16.

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## Idea Implementation Grants Announced

The [Idea Implementation Grant Program](#) supports community foundation efforts to implement an idea cultivated, developed or re-energized during a Connect Series Session. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Two grants have been awarded in the past month:

- Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: Transfer of Wealth county reports for host and six affiliate counties
  - Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation: Transfer of Wealth county report and support to market/communicate data
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## Announcing Iowa's 5 for the Future Campaign



With input from our Iowa Transfer of Wealth Technical Review Committee, and building on the success of our neighbors in [Kansas](#) and [Nebraska](#), we are excited to announce an upcoming 5 for the Future Campaign! We hope to roll this campaign out beginning in June and will keep you and your teams apprised of any updates as we have them. Our hope is for this campaign to come alongside the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program and to potentially serve

as a longer-term Campaign should the state income tax be eliminated in the future, which will impact the effectiveness of Endow Iowa.

We commissioned the University of Minnesota Extension Department of Community Development to update [Iowa's Transfer of Wealth](#) data. As a reminder, reports specific to a particular county/region/geography may be commissioned separately. Community foundations can opt-in for these additional reports and will cover their own costs directly, as follows:

- \$250 for a summary report specific to an area (e.g. county)
- \$750 for a full technical report for an area

Custom reports can be requested at any time through November 30, 2024. Please contact [Jenna](#) to request.

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## Spring Storms

Governor Reynolds issued disaster proclamations for the following nine counties in response to severe weather that occurred on April 26: Clarke, Crawford, Harrison, Mills, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby, and Union. Three local community foundations have activated their disaster recovery funds in response:

- [Southwest Iowa Emergency Relief Fund](#) - Community Foundation for Western Iowa
- [Disaster Recovery Fund](#) - Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines
- [Shelby Tornado Relief](#) - Omaha Community Foundation

Additionally, the Iowa West Foundation will match donations to the Southwest Iowa Emergency Relief Fund up to \$50,000. We will keep everyone apprised as we learn more about response and recovery efforts.

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## Disaster Recovery Fund Match Grants Available

Through participation in The Funders' Network's Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency, and Emergency Partnership (PPREP) cohort, the Iowa Council of Foundations has received funding to re-grant throughout the state. Our goal is to leverage this funding to support several community foundations by positioning them with seed money for their disaster recovery funds and to support future community needs. Learn more about the Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund Matching Grant Program [here](#).

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## Upcoming ICoF Events

### **2024 Iowa Legislative Session Debrief**

May 20 | 10 - 11:30 am | Zoom

We invite all community foundations to join us for a virtual conversation to debrief the 2024 Iowa Legislative session. Our speakers will include:

- David Adelman, Principal & Counsel, Cornerstone Government Affairs, and Iowa Community Foundations lobbyist, who will provide a recap of the 2024 Iowa legislative session and give us a preview of the upcoming elections;
- Mary Nelle Trefz, Advocacy Network Director, Iowa ACEs 360, who will be back to share the progress and setbacks they saw during the session; and
- Dr. Nalo Johnson, President and CEO, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation, who will have a conversation with ICoF president Kari McCann Boutell about the basic income pilot bill and implications for the UpLift project and the broader philanthropic community.

We hope you can join us!

[Details and Registration](#)

### **Summer Peer Learning Call Series**

An important part of any conference event is the networking and conversations that take place between conference participants. This has always been noted as a highlight for Connect Conference participants in the past. In an effort to continue these conversations in a virtual format, the Peer Learning Circles are sessions designed for specific groups to gather and discuss topics and ideas of

interest to them. ICoF staff will facilitate and you will be invited to submit questions in advance to help guide the conversation. You are welcome to join more than one PLC, but please register for each one separately.

Peer-Learning Circles will be from 10 - 11 am for the following groups:

- [June 12: Development & Fundraising Staff](#)
  - [June 13: Grants & Program Staff](#)
  - [June 18: Affiliate Staff, Contractors & Volunteers](#)
  - [June 20: Finance Staff](#)
  - [June 25: Marketing & Communications Staff](#)
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## Federal Public Policy Update

### DAF Regulations Hearing Today

In response to the comments Treasury received from organizations across the country, the department released a notice of hearing on “proposed regulations regarding excise taxes on taxable distributions made by a sponsoring organization from a donor-advised fund (DAF), and on the agreement of certain fund managers to the making of such distributions.” The public hearing on these proposed regulations was today at 9 am.

ICoF President, Kari McCann Boutell will also be participating in an upcoming meeting with Treasury Tax Policy staff about DAFs. We will keep the network informed following each of these meetings.

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## INA Salary & Benefits Study - Please Share

The Iowa Nonprofit Alliance (INA) 2024 Salary & Benefits Survey is still open. **Please [complete the Survey](#) as soon as possible and share with nonprofit partners and grantees in your network! They have extended the deadline and need another 50 or so participants from across Iowa.** More information is available [here](#).

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## Community Foundations in the News

Dream Bellevue Endowment, held by the [Community Foundation of Jackson County](#), completes Small-Town Dreams Initiative challenge grant

[Community Foundation of Johnson County](#) creates diversity training for nonprofits

[Greene County Community Foundation](#) gives away most grant money ever

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### **National Community Foundation Impact Investing Landscape**

On Thursday, May 30 at 12:30 pm, Impact Finance Center and Commonfund Institute will host a webinar to share a national community foundation impact investing landscape scan final report - A Winding Road: Nine Community Foundations Share Their Journeys. [Register here](#)

### **Dupaco Foundation Launches New Nonprofit Grant Program**

The annual competitive grant program will provide \$250k in grants to nonprofits whose mission or programs directly further one of Dupaco Foundation's three community pillars – affordable housing and homeownership, upskilling and reskilling, or small business development. Due May 31; awarded in July. [Learn more and apply here](#).

### **Grant Opportunities**

The Iowa Arts Council has new grant opportunities open for the spring! Keep an eye on their [grants](#) page for details on all their programs and check out their [calendar](#) to see upcoming deadlines.

### **White House Finalizes Guidance to Make Federal Grants More Accessible**

The White House recently [announced updates to the Office of Management and Budget's \(OMB\) Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance](#), which sets the foundational requirements for agencies in making grants and providing other forms of federal financial assistance.

## **New Nonprofit VOTE Report on the Power of Voter Engagement**

Ahead of this year's elections, Nonprofit VOTE [released the 2024 Nonprofit Power report](#), which highlights the role nonprofits play in building a more inclusive democracy through nonpartisan voter engagement in historically underrepresented communities. The report found that voters engaged by nonprofits saw a ten percentage point boost in voter turnout compared to their counterparts in the same communities, an effect that is further amplified in historically marginalized groups.

## **Career Center Postings**

### **Vice President of Development**

Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation  
*Full-time | Cedar Rapids, IA*

### **Affiliate Director**

Community Foundation of Louisa County  
*Part-time | Louisa County, IA*

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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