



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!](#)

Spring Storms

Again this month we find many Iowans navigating disaster response and recovery. We continue to connect with impacted communities and can share that the following funds have been opened:

- [Greater Greenfield Community Foundation](#)
- [Empowering Adair County Foundation](#)
- [Adams Community Foundation](#) (Adams County)
- [Clay County Community Disaster Recovery Fund](#)
- [Montgomery County Community Foundation](#)

We will continue to share updates on our social media pages about fund openings and opportunities to support response and recovery efforts.

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. In May, we awarded match grants to:

- Community Foundation for Western Iowa
- Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines
- Shelby County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Omaha Community Foundation

Learn more about the Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund Matching Grant Program [here](#).

Upcoming ICoF Events

Legal Matters for Community Foundations

Virtual Training: June 5-6, 2024, Noon-3:30 pm

\$100 per participant for Iowa Community Foundations*

Led by the Council's legal team, this workshop is designed to answer your broad legal and practical questions on administering funds, grants, and community foundation activities. This live, participatory workshop will also provide technical and practical understanding of complex rules and regulations.

Throughout the workshop, sessions will be curated with the help of insight gleaned from the Council's top-notch legal team that interacts with nearly 2,000 foundation leaders each year, as well as trends spotted by their broader team, including the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, a supporting organization of the Council. It will be a timely and take on the basics that inform day-to-day business decisions and operations. To register:

1. Please use **Legal Matters for Community Foundations, June 2024**, to login and start your registration. If you do not already have a COF login, you'll need to create one first to be able to proceed with the registration process. A new login can be created from the registration page by following the prompts.
2. Once logged in you will be asked if you are registering yourself, or a colleague; make your selection and click *Next*.
3. Under the “**I will be attending as...**” section, please select **Iowa Council**, which will then ask you to provide a passcode. The passcode is **IALMCF2024J**. Click *Next*.

4. Confirm or edit badge information and answer registration questions. Click *Checkout*.
5. Review your cart, and make sure the registration fee is **\$100**.
6. Complete your checkout with provided payment options.
7. If you encounter any issues, please contact the Council on Foundations at educate@cof.org.

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](#)

Legislative Session Debrief

In May, we hosted a 2024 Legislative Session Debrief conversation. For those who weren't able to attend, here is the [recording](#). A big thanks to our speakers:

- [David Adelman](#), Principal & Director, [Cornerstone Government Affairs](#) and Iowa Community Foundations lobbyist;
- [Mary Nelle Trefz](#), Advocacy Network Director, [Iowa ACEs 360](#); and
- Dr. Nalo Johnson, PhD, President and CEO, [Mid-Iowa Health Foundation](#), and collaborative partner of [UpLift -- The Central Iowa Basic Income Pilot](#)

It was a great dialogue and we hope it left everyone with much to think about regarding the role funders play in policy/advocacy and the potential for legislation to place limits on the role funders play in innovation and research.

Federal Public Policy Update

DAF Regulations Hearing

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and IRS hosted a hearing on recent comments it received regarding proposed donor-advised fund (DAF) regulations. Over 30 different speakers testified during the hearing, highlighting a range of concerns about the proposed regulations, including:

- the definition of “donor advisor”;
- the importance of excluding collaborative giving projects from the definition of DAFs;
- an exception for disaster relief funds; and
- the need for clarification on payments used for lobbying activities.

You can [review the hearing transcript here](#). 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 moving forward.

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#) unveils strategic framework

[Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque](#) named a Press Forward partner to support local journalism

[Waterloo Community Foundation](#) grants \$50k to nine area organizations

Articles & Items of Interest

Resources from Iowa State University Extension

ISU Extension offers multiple programs designed for community leaders, including: [Grant writing 101](#), [Grant writing Bootcamp](#), [Community Food Systems Conference](#) (June 13-14, Iowa City), [Rural Housing Readiness Assessments](#) (applications are anticipated to open in July), and [Indicators Program](#), which provides data and information for decision makers at the local, regional, and state levels.

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.

Career Center Postings

Major Gift Officer and Director of Engagement

Quad Cities Community Foundation

Full-time | Bettendorf, 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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