



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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### **Register Now: Connect Conference**

#### **Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference**

Thursday, September 26 | 9 am - 4:30 pm | Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston

Join us to learn about trends in philanthropy and best practices for community foundations! This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their region and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a FREE opportunity sponsored through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Again this year, CFs that send at least two representatives to Connect will be eligible for mileage reimbursement (up to \$100 per CF). Attendees are also eligible to apply for Idea Implementation grant funding (up to \$2,500 per CF).

[Register Here](#)

### **Pre-Conference: A Brisk Walk through the Basics of Planned Giving®**

Wednesday, September 25 | 9 am - 3:30 pm | Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston

This enriching, one-day seminar leads participants through the nuts and bolts of planned gift instruments. If you are new to planned giving, need a refresher, or are a development generalist, this seminar was made for you. Get an excellent overview of gift planning and the tools you need to make the most of it. Participants will:

- Gain a clear understanding of basic planned giving methods
- Understand the tax implications for planned giving
- Learn about the different gift vehicles available and when each is best

[Register Here](#)

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### **Transfer of Wealth Update**

As counties continue to request their Transfer of Wealth reports, we will keep [our website](#) up-to-date with the created reports. If you would like to request a report for your county, please contact [Jenna](#).

On July 8, we officially launched our [5 for the Future](#) philanthropic initiative. As we see counties customizing their communications, we will share them in this monthly newsletter, which may spark ideas for your foundation.

- The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine [created their own logo](#) to accompany their county-level data.
  - The Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is [hosting virtual information sessions](#) for their affiliates to learn more about the initiative.
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### **County Endowment Fund 20th Anniversary**

In 2004, the Iowa Legislature crafted a unique structure for investing a portion of state's commercial gaming tax revenues in communities throughout Iowa, the County Endowment Fund Program (CEFP). Since its inception, 36,884 grants have been made to invest \$148 million in nonprofits and charitable causes across

Iowa. To celebrate this important milestone, we have created the following communications tools/templates so you can help ICoF mark this anniversary!

- [Sample Press Release](#)
  - [Storytelling Template](#)
  - [Grant Impact Template](#)
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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. In July, we awarded match grants to:

- Adams Community Foundation
- Greater Greenfield Community Foundation

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

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### **Upcoming ICoF Events**

#### **2024 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference**

Thursday, August 8 | 10:30 am - Noon | *Now on Zoom!*

Do you have a youth philanthropy group in your community? Encourage them to attend the *virtual* 2024 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference!

[Learn More and Register](#)

## Legal Matters for Community Foundations

*Virtual Training:* September 11-12, 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, September 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 **IALMCF2024S**. 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](mailto:educate@cof.org).

\*This cost is generously underwritten by the Iowa Community Foundation Initiative.

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## Resources

### Guidance on Department of Labor Rule Changes

This rule updates and revises the DOL's regulations which implement a provision in the Fair Labor Standards Act that exempts certain kinds of "white-collar" employees from the Act's minimum wage and overtime pay requirements.

- [Department of Labor: Small Entity Compliance Guide](#)
- [National Council of Nonprofits: Initial Analysis: DOL Overtime Final Rule and the Impact on Nonprofits](#)

From the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: [Highlights from Demystifying the New Overtime Rules: What Nonprofits Need to Know](#) (includes June 2024 webinar recording with ConnectifyHR).

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## Community Foundations in the News

[Clay County Community Foundation](#) reports \$300k raised for its Disaster Recovery Fund

[Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#) grants \$350k to local nonprofits

[Quad Cities Community Foundation](#) awards \$150k to area nonprofits

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Building Leadership Capacity Survey

The Community and Economic Development (CED) team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is conducting a short survey about leadership capacity. This survey is to help CED understand what to improve or develop to meet local needs in building leadership capacity. Your input is extremely valuable

to the work in this area. The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete:  
[Take the Survey.](#)

**Empower Rural Iowa** grant opportunities are now open and due August 30:

- Rural BOOST
- Child Care Planning Grant
- Rural Housing Assessment Grant

[Learn more here](#) or contact [Robin Boston at IEDA.](#)

### **Career Center Postings**

#### **Director of Marketing and Communications**

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa  
*Full-time | Cedar Valley area, IA*

#### **Director of Strategic Communications and Community Grant Writing**

Community Foundation of Johnson County  
*Full-time | Coralville, IA*

#### **Request For Proposals: Cohort-based training programs on board governance and organizational effectiveness**

Quad Cities Community Foundation Center for Nonprofit Excellence  
*Consultant position | Quad Cities region*

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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