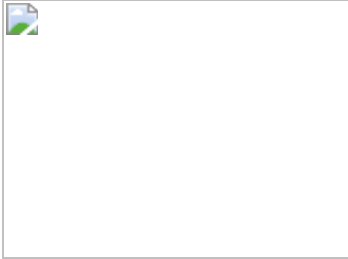


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# CF SNAPSHOT



We have a new look! The long standing *Resource of the Week* e-newsletter is now **CF Snapshot!** We will continue to provide your community foundation with the information you want and need, but now in a new, easier to navigate format. You may also notice some new features in this e-newsletter. Based on your feedback in last month's survey, we are responding to what you want to have more of (and less of)! Please continue to offer your feedback to us on news items or articles of interest - we want to hear from you!

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## **ICoF Capacity Building Grants Available**

**Eligibility applications available online now and due February 29. Full grant applications due April 15.**

The Iowa Council of Foundation's Capacity Building Grants Program will support opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability to grow and build sustainable endowments. Capacity building grants will provide community foundations with support to implement projects or programs necessary to enhance their organizational capacity and address important issues of fund development and effectiveness.

## Upcoming Events

**January 28: ICoF Quarterly Membership Meeting**

10:00 a.m - 2:30 p.m.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

This year, in an effort to assist community foundations and their affiliates with proposal ideas, each applicant is required to complete an Eligibility Application. ICoF staff will review these applications on a rolling basis from now until March 15. Staff will provide feedback to applicants on their idea or project and then provide them with a Grant Application. Grant applications are due April 15. [Click here](#) to access the Eligibility Application. Please [email Michele Walstrom](#), Community Foundations Services Coordinator, with questions.

## **New! CF Stories Blog**

Kari McCann, ICoF President, blogs about our new blog series for this new monthly feature! [Read more here](#) about the goals of the blog and how you can get involved!

## **2016 Endow Iowa Tax Application**

The Iowa Economic Development Authority recently released this year's Endow Iowa Tax Credit Application. Since the program began in 2004, Iowa Community Foundations have leveraged more than \$167 million in permanent endowment fund gifts through more than 21,000 donations (2014). The application can be found [here](#).

## **New! Peer Learning Webinar Series**

You asked, we answered. Feedback from our readers has shown an interest in participating in more best practices and peer-to-peer learnings. In an effort to provide this offering to you, ICoF will begin hosting in February a semi-monthly peer learning series. The calls, or sometimes webinars, will feature one of your peers who wants to share a new program, project or idea related to that month's topic. Topics for each month are posted [here](#). These calls are only as successful as the active participants, so please plan to attend. Each call will take place on the third Thursday of the given month, on the month's opposite of an ICoF membership meeting. More information will be announced in the coming weeks and in the February CF Snapshot.

### **Webinar: Mass Incarceration: The Rural Perspective**

**Thursday, January 14, 11:30-12:45pm**

At the height of the prison boom, a new prison opened every 15 days in rural America.\* Mass incarceration has shaped the lives and landscape of rural places – from Native nations faced with disproportionate policing, to small towns reliant on prison-based growth. Today, amidst the need for urgent changes to our criminal justice system, what does reform look like in our rural communities? And how can philanthropy support a more just future?

We invite you to explore these questions with us in a FREE webinar, Mass Incarceration: The Rural Perspective, on Thursday, January 14th at 11:30-12:45 pm CT. Join NCRP and bold rural leaders from across the country to learn about courageous efforts on the ground, exciting opportunities for change, and resources to strengthen this work. [Learn more and register here!](#)

### **Webinar: PIMBY: Philanthropy in My Backyard**

Place-based philanthropy. What does it mean to do it well, and what are the pitfalls? What kinds of collaborative partnerships do we need to advance equity and empower the most marginalized? Whose place is it, exactly? NCRP invites you to explore these questions in a FREE webinar.

Inspired by NCRP's latest Philamplify report on The Kresge Foundation and forthcoming report on the Knight Foundation, both national leaders in place-based grantmaking, the webinar explored the important strategy from the perspective of the grantees and communities most affected by it. [Click here](#) to access the link to the taped webinar.

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## **Community Foundations in the News**

### **Foundations Making Headlines**

The **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation** had a strong year in 2015. Click [here](#) to read the article.

The **Surdna Foundation** recently awarded a \$65,000 grant to

A fresh new look has been unveiled by the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** and its Affiliates. Click [here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** recently made a grant to a local organization for a book program to preserve history. Click [here](#) to read the article.

More than \$1.5 million dollars in grants were awarded by the **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation** last month. Click [here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** awarded the largest amount of scholarships to students in Black Hawk County in its history. Click [here](#) to read article.

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## **Articles & Items of Interest**

### **Washington Snapshot**

The most recent edition of The Washington Snapshot from the Council of Foundations is now available. Click [here](#) to access this information.

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