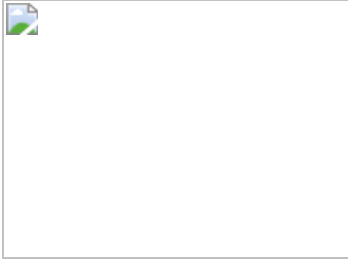


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CF SNAPSHOT



A monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates providing information on available grants, educational opportunities, peer learning opportunities and much more. As always, if you have information you would like included in this newsletter, please [email Michele Walstrom](#), ICoF Community Foundations Services Coordinator.

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ICoF Capacity Building Grants

Thank you to those Host Community Foundations and Affiliates who submitted proposal ideas through the Eligibility Application process for Iowa Council of Foundation's Capacity Building Grants Program. Those applicants received feedback on their submission and now move on to completing the full grant application due **April 15**. Grants will be announced in May and distributed in June.

Upcoming Events

March 10: Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast
 State Capitol Legislative Dining Room
 7:30 - 9 am
[Contact Kari McCann](#) with questions or to RSVP.

March 17: Peer Learning Series
 10 - 11 am
[Learn more and register here!](#)

CF Stories Blog

Kari McCann, ICoF President, blogs about the role you and your Foundation can play in supporting the County Endowment Fund Program and Endow Iowa with state legislators. [Read more here.](#)

2016 County Endowment Fund Program Report Now Available

The Iowa Council of Foundations (ICoF), in collaboration with the Iowa Gaming Association, is pleased to release *Building Iowa's Communities Through Philanthropy: A Snapshot of the 2014-2015 County Endowment Fund Program & Grants Made by Casino Nonprofit Organizations*. The publication provides an overview of the County Endowment Fund Program as well as specific information for each of the 85 counties involved in the Program's tenth year. The report also features a review of the grantmaking by each of the nonprofit license sponsors located in the 14 counties with a casino.

The information highlighted was compiled based on the reports submitted by host and affiliate community foundations (beginning in August 2015 to the ICoF and the Iowa Economic Development Authority). The printed publication with additional copies has printed and been mailed to each host and affiliate foundation for distribution. The report has also been delivered to State Legislators, Caucus Staff and members of the Executive Branch.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact ICoF President, [Kari McCann](#).

Learning Opportunities

March Peer Learning Series: Annual Development Plans

Thursday, March 17 from 10-11 am

Recent feedback from our readers has shown an interest in receiving more best practices and peer-to-peer learning opportunities. This month Sheila Kinman, Chief Advancement Officer for the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Jennifer Garst, Executive Director of Story County Community Foundation (an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines) will each share their experiences (one as a Host CF and one as an Affiliate CF) around this topic. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussion. If you plan to join this month's call, please [RSVP here](#), and you will receive call-in instructions and an opportunity to submit questions prior to the call. These calls will be successful with active participants, so please join us!

To listen to the audio recording of last month's PLC: Database Best Practices and Donor Information Management, please [click here](#).

Tri-State Webinar Series: Targeted Donor Communications

Wednesday, March 16, 1 - 2:30 pm (EST)

You are invited you to participate in this webinar series hosted by the Council of Michigan Foundations. Cost is \$50 for a non-member. This month's topic is best practices in communicating with donors. Learn how one foundation has seen tangible results from implementing a targeted communication plan, and the steps they took to achieve it. [Learn more and register here!](#)

National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy

Thursday, March 10, 1:15pm (EST) Civic Engagement: Choose Your Own Adventure

Wednesday, March 16, 4:00pm (EST) Implicit Bias in Grantmaking

Both of these webinars are being offered FREE. For more information on either topic and/or to register, [click here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The **Story County Community Foundation**, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines recently announced a record year of giving for 2015. [Click here](#) to read the article.

to 27 local organizations at a recent awards ceremony. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation** has collaborated with the city and two local nonprofits to offer micro loans to support local entrepreneurs. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Articles & Items of Interest

ICoF Releases 2016 Report to the Governor and Legislature

The Iowa Council of Foundations recently submitted its annual report to the Governor and Legislature on its work as the state's Lead Philanthropic Entity for the Endow Iowa and County Endowment Fund Program. The Report details the work of the Community Foundation Initiative to support these two programs around the state. To read the full report, [click here](#).

Washington Snapshot

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

Exponent Philanthropy releases *Philanthropy Lessons*

Philanthropy Lessons is a video series and campaign produced by Exponent Philanthropy (featured at ICoF's 2015 CONNECT Conference), funded by the Fund for Shared Insight, and released in partnership with The Chronicle of Philanthropy. Together they are sharing words of wisdom from some of their community's most inspirational funders about what they have learned throughout their philanthropic careers to help others be more effective and efficient in creating the change they want to see in the world. [Learn more and view the series here!](#)

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