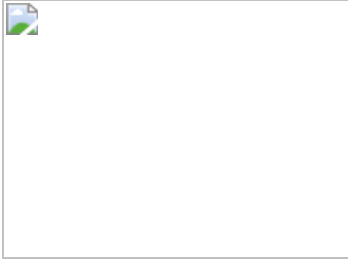


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CF SNAPSHOT



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 the Iowa Council of Foundation's Capacity Building Grants Program. Those applicants received feedback on their submission and now move completing the full grant application due **April 15**. These grant awards will be announced in May and distributed in June.

Upcoming Events

April 12: Heart and Soul Informational Webinar
 2:30 - 3:30 pm

[Learn more and register here!](#)

April 28: ICoF Membership and Annual Meeting
 10 am - 2:30 pm

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Community Foundations that received Capacity Grant Program grants last year will need to complete an End of Year Program Report and submit to ICoF by July 1. That grant report is available now and can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

CF Stories Blog

Jennifer Garst, Executive Director, Story County Community Foundation (an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines) writes about how preparation and thoughtful implementation of strategic plans has helped bring stability and growth to their Foundation. [Read more here.](#)

Learning Opportunities

Heart & Soul Conference Call

Tuesday, April 12 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Join us to learn more about the Orton Family Foundation's Heart & Soul initiative and how it is benefiting a community in Northeast Iowa through partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque! [Learn more and register here!](#)

Tri-State Webinar Series: Cyber Crime Trends: A State of the Union

Thursday, April 6 from 12 - 1:30 pm

Hackers have learned to profit from their activities. Historically, hacking has been a high risk issue only for banks, but attackers are now targeting all businesses in an effort to access bank funds via online payment methods. This webinar will describe the threat landscape, discuss regulatory efforts to address the threat, and provide insight on

and board members.

Cost: Free for IPA/GIFT Members; \$35 for Tri-State Partnership Members (MI & OH); \$50 for Members of Other Associations

To register for this webinar, click [click here](#). Registration deadline is April 6.

Next Peer Learning Series: May

Thursday, May 19 from 10-11 am

Our Peer Learning Call Series will resume in May as we break in April for the ICoF Membership Meeting on April 28th. Please look for detailed information in the May CF Snapshot regarding that month's topic! In the meantime, if you weren't able to join us for the March Call regarding Annual Development Plans, an audio-recording of the call can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation** made a grant recently that will help visitors to the Loess Hills enjoy bird watching even more. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Wright County Community Foundation** an Affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**, was the focus of an article in their local paper recently about how their foundation often fills the gaps in funding community projects. [Click here](#) to read the article.

There is a new option for giving in Palo Alto county with the establishment of the Palo Alto County Community Foundation, a new Affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**. [Click here](#) to read the article.

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.

Exponent Philanthropy releases *Philanthropy Lessons Risks and Mistakes* video now available

Exponent Philanthropy is offering a free video series to spark conversation around issues philanthropy professionals deal with daily. Learn from your peers in this ongoing series. The most recent video release is around the topic of Risks and Mistakes. Effective philanthropy is a learning process that develops through experimentation. To be successful, we must take risks, support new ideas, acknowledge our mistakes, share experiences, and learn from one another. To view this video, [click here](#)!

