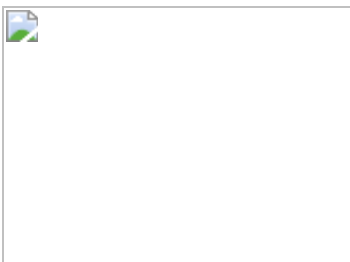


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CF SNAPSHOT



The CF Snapshot is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. It provides 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.

Upcoming Events

Iowa STEM Advisory Council Webinar

January 10 | 1-2 pm

[Register here!](#)

Capacity Building Grants Webinar

January 17 | 10-10:30 am

[Register here!](#)

Iowa Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

7:30 - 9:00 am

State Capitol

[Register here!](#)

Community Foundation Boot Camp is Coming to a Location Near You

The Iowa Council of Foundations, in partnership with the Iowa Economic Development Authority, is pleased to offer two comprehensive Community Foundation Boot Camp trainings in 2017. The Boot Camps will be offered May 15-16 in West Des Moines and May 18-19 in Cedar Rapids. Both locations will offer the same programming. Please choose the location most convenient for you.

The two-day Community Foundation Boot Camp programs offer comprehensive overviews of the structure and operations of a community foundation. It is an ideal in-depth introduction to community foundations for [new community foundation staff](#), [board members](#), [affiliate advisory committee members](#) or [other community foundation staff looking for a good refresher](#). Topics covered include:

- History and purpose
- Board governance
- Gifts and funds
- Asset development
- Grantmaking
- Community leadership
- Finance and investments
- Legal issues
- Operational sustainability
- Lifecycles of community foundations

For additional details and to register for the West Des Moines training, [click here](#).

For additional details and to register for the Cedar Rapids training, [click here](#).

PRICING: *Upon registration, you will be invoiced for the cost of the training.

Early Bird: Before February 15

- Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates: \$200

- Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates: \$250
- Community Foundations outside of Iowa: \$575

Space is limited, so please register today! For questions, please contact Michele Walstrom, Community Foundation Services Coordinator at mwalstrom@iowacounciloffoundations.org.

Capacity Building Grant Program Webinar

Each year, the Iowa Council of Foundation's Capacity Building Grants Program offers opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to seek grant support for their sustainable endowment building efforts. Capacity building grants 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. In an effort to increase understanding of this program, we will host a webinar to detail the application process and share examples of past successful grant applications. We will also offer ideas for grants and answer any questions regarding the program. The webinar will take place on Tuesday, January 17 at 10 AM and will last approximately 30 minutes. Please click [click here](#) to register for this webinar.

A Pre-Application process will be required for all grantseekers. This process allows you to submit an idea for a Capacity Grant and receive feedback and direction prior to completing the full grant application. This brief pre-application is available until February 17, when the full grant application will be made available. Please [click here](#) to access the Pre-Application form. Full Grant Applications for the Capacity Building Program are due April 1 with grant awards being made by June. A second round of applications will be accepted in the fall for new (not repeat) grantseekers. These applications will be available October 1. More information regarding the second grant cycle will be provided in the webinar later this month.

CF Stories Blog

Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, blogs this month about the importance of setting a plan in place for the new year so that you know what direction you are headed in! Kari provides an overview of ICoF's 2017 programming so that you can kick off your new plan by including ICoF programming in your calendar. [Read Kari's blog here](#).

Learning Opportunities

Connecting the Dots: Revenues, Tax Breaks and Critical Services for Iowans Webinar

Wednesday, January 10 | 1 - 2 pm | [Register here!](#)

Join us for a webinar with Carrie Rankin, assistant director for development for the Governor's STEM Advisory Council, and Deb Dunkhase, STEM Advisory Council member. The program will give an introduction to the STEM Advisory Council and discuss the Active

Investing in the Nonprofit Workforce

Tuesday, January 24 | 1 – 2:15 pm | [Register here!](#)

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations and Fund the People invite you to participate in a webinar to discuss the importance of grantmakers investing in the development of the nonprofit workforce and how funders can evaluate the impact of their investment in nonprofit talent. Join us as Rusty Stahl, president and CEO of Fund the People, discusses talent investment and talks with Brenda Solórzano, chief program director of the Blue Shield of California Foundation, about the talent investments they have made within their community.

Giving Days: Ramp Up or Wind Down Webinar FREE

Wednesday, January 25 | 1 - 2 pm | [Register here!](#)

Join the Council on Foundations and Knight Foundation, which wrote the playbook on best practices for hosting a Giving Day, as we explore with community foundation leaders how to maximize Giving Days—or, move beyond these intense one-day crowdfunding events. Hear the perspectives of community foundation leaders on both sides of the Giving Day effort.

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

Randy Kuhlman, CEO of the **Fort Dodge Community Foundation**, shares his thoughts on leaving a legacy through a community foundation in a guest column. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation** recently made a grant award to kick-start a playground renovation campaign in their county. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Nancy Van Miligen, President of the **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**, recently penned a letter to the editor regarding the importance of Summer Reading programs in Iowa. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Community Foundation of Johnson County Executive Director Mike Stoffregen wrote a guest opinion article recently on the importance for their foundation to retain the services of local investment advisors. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** has recorded its largest scholarship awards total in its 60-year history. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Articles & Items of Interest

New Resources Available from HUD

philanthropic sector to target shared goals. Recent work has included a [How-To Guide](#) on unleashing the full potential of public-philanthropic partnerships and an announcement of approximately [\\$1 million available](#) for unsolicited research partnerships with universities, philanthropic organizations and other federal or state agencies.

For continued updates and engagement with your federal partners, [visit the website](#) to sign up for the monthly newsletter. The latest issue can be found [here](#).

Grant Funding is available for Coordinated Homeless Services

The Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) has announced a competition for planning grants to create Coordinated Service Regions within the Iowa Balance of State. These will be self-defined regions within Iowa consisting of entities which provide services to Iowans experiencing homelessness. The funding to support this effort is from a one-time grant from HUD. IFA expects to identify and fund up to ten such regions. The goal of the planning is to create a process leading to a seamless continuum of services for Iowans experiencing or at risk of homelessness within each region and, by extension, across the Balance of State, which includes 96 of Iowa's 99 counties.

The first priority application deadline is January 31, 2017. Remaining funds will be available for a second priority application deadline of February 28, 2017. Any remaining funds will be available on continuing basis until exhausted. Because Iowa's community foundations are recognized as playing leading roles in addressing community needs throughout their service areas, they are uniquely positioned to convene key players within their regions. This would include agencies providing substance abuse, employment, mental health, senior, domestic violence and other services; school counselors; representatives of local faith communities; as well as elected and staff officials from those counties within their service areas. Two or more community foundations serving adjacent areas would be especially well-positioned to convene appropriate parties to discuss the process of creating a Coordinated Service Region and defining roles.

To learn more and for assistance with setting an agenda and conducting an initial planning meeting, contact Dusty Noble at dnoble@hacap.org or Tim Wilson at tim@homeforwardiowa.org. Or [click here](#) to access the RFP.

Washington Update

The most recent issue of the Council of Foundations' *Washington Update* can be accessed [here](#).

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