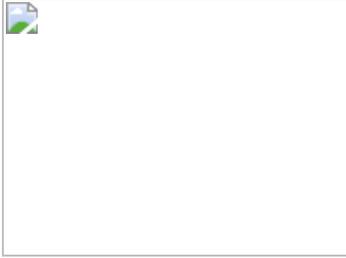


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CF SNAPSHOT



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

How to Best Navigate the National Standards Process Webinar

Wednesday, February 8 | 12-2 pm

[Register here!](#)

Peer Learning Call Series

Unique Donor Development Plans

Wednesday, February 15 | 10-10:30 am

[Register here!](#)

Iowa Community

Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Tuesday, March 28 | 7:30 - 9:00 am
State Capitol

[Register here!](#)

County Endowment Fund Program Annual Report Now Available

Each year, ICoF partners with the Iowa Gaming Association to develop an annual report of the grantmaking and endowment-building taking place in Iowa through funds distributed to counties without gaming facilities. The 2015-2016 edition was recently completed, and copies of the report were distributed to the state legislature last week. In addition, fifteen copies have been sent to each affiliate, with some host foundations receiving them directly and then distributing to their affiliates. To access an online version of the report, please [click here](#).

Community Foundation Boot Camp: Early Bird Pricing Ends Soon!

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 program 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

[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
- Community Foundations Outside of Iowa: \$550

After February 15

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

Space is limited and will be opened to CFs outside of Iowa beginning March 1st, so register today! For questions, please contact Michele Walstrom, Community Foundation Services Coordinator at mwalstrom@iowacounciloffoundations.org.

Capacity Building Grant Program: Eligibility Application deadline Feb. 17

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.

A Pre-Application process is 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 with preference given to new (not having already received a grant in 2017) grantseekers. These applications will be available October 1. More information will be shared later this year.

CF Stories Blog

Nicole Brua-Behrens, Executive Director, Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, blogs this month about her recent experience meeting with her legislator to talk about issues important to their community foundation. Nicole shares her thoughts on how the idea of meeting with a legislator can seem daunting, but if you

Learning Opportunities

How to Best Navigate the National Standards Process

Wednesday, February 8 | 12 - 2 pm | [Register here!](#) *(Deadline to register is February 7th at noon)*

This webinar is hosted by the Tri-State Community Foundation Partnership, and will feature National Standards Executive Director, Lara Kalwinski and Christina Gonzalez, National Standards Manager and Legal Coordinator. The new process for National Standards is efficient, but there are still opportunities to make it easier. This webinar will share best practices and processes to pass National Standards as seamlessly as possible.

February Peer Learning Call *FREE*

Wednesday, February 15 | 10 am | [Register here!](#)

This month's Peer Learning Series call will focus on Unique Donor Development Plans and Ideas. Colleagues will share their ideas about programs they have implemented (large and small) to effectively increase donor development in their communities. Sheila Kinman of the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation will talk about their land donation program and how this program has been an effective tool. Angie Determan of the Cerro Gordo Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, will share a variety of ideas that have been both successful and learning opportunities for their organization as they continue to build their donor base in their county. The Peer Learning Call offers a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own success stories or challenges. To register to participate in the call, please click [here](#).

How to Creatively Fund Social Movements Webinar

Wednesday, February 15 | 12:30 pm | [Register here!](#)

Set the stage for your program planning and grantmaking in 2017 with "How to creatively fund social movements," a webinar that will explore how foundations can be more creative and flexible in supporting grassroots groups and leaders. You'll learn from experienced grantmakers and organizers who will provide insight into internal processes for foundation staff and board. This webinar is hosted by the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy and the Neighborhood Funders Group.

How to Write Winning Grants & Smile While Doing It!

Tuesday, April 25 | 8 am - 4 pm | [Register here!](#)

DMACC, Student Activities Center, Ankeny, IA

Grant Professionals Association, Central Iowa Chapter is hosting a day-long learning opportunity featuring Dr. Bev Browning, author of *Grantwriting for Dummies*. This conference offers Dr. Browning as the keynote speaker, a panel discussion with area grant experts and breakout sessions tailored to attendees' interest areas.

The **Story County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Greater Des Moines Community Foundation**, recently hit the \$10 million mark of funds in their foundation. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Riverbluff Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**, shares personal experiences to help generate support of their community. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Articles & Items of Interest

National Standards Provides Important News and Updates for Community Foundations

Recently the National Standards organization distributed several important pieces of information to Community Foundations across the country. To access this information that clarifies the submission process, importance of standards and covers a variety of other topics, please click on the links below. In addition, they have noted that the online application will not be accessible February 13 - March 30. The program is being updated to better serve you. All foundations with accreditation and in process will maintain their accreditation status through 12/31/2017 to compensate for lost time.

[Click here](#) to view the announced updates to the process and [click here](#) to view the Q&A by Lara Kalwinski.

New Resources Available from HUD

HUD's Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation maximizes strategic partnerships between the federal government and the 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](#).

Washington Update

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

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