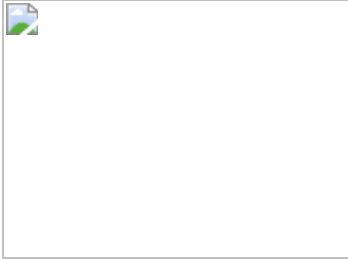


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# CF SNAPSHOT



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

### Peer Learning Call Series

*Endow Iowa New Online Submission Process*

Featuring: Iowa Economic Development Authority Staff  
Wednesday, March 15 | 10 am

[Register here!](#)

### Iowa Community

#### Foundations Legislative Breakfast

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

[Register here!](#)

## Community Foundation Legislative Breakfast, March 28

Each year, community foundation staff, board members and volunteers from around the state gather at the State Capitol to talk with their legislators about the importance of the two state programs benefiting community foundations - the County Endowment Fund Program and the Endow Iowa tax credit program. This year, community foundations are requesting a \$2 million increase in Endow Iowa tax credits. It is very important for legislators to hear from YOU about the impact that this program has in your community and county. The breakfast will take place in the Capitol Rotunda on March 28 from 7:30 - 9 am. If you would like to attend the breakfast, please [register here](#). For information regarding the positive impact of the Endow Iowa program statewide, [click here](#) to access a Fact Sheet developed by ICoF.

## Community Foundation Boot Camp: Sessions are filling up!

ICoF, 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.

To register for the West Des Moines training, [click here](#).

To register for the Cedar Rapids training, [click here](#).

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

- 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](mailto:mwalstrom@iowacounciloffoundations.org).

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ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell blogs this month about her recent experience at the Capitol. Learn more by reading Kari's blog [here](#).

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## **Learning Opportunities**

### **March Peer Learning Call *FREE***

#### ***Endow Iowa Online Submissions Update***

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

This month's Peer Learning Series call **will feature Iowa Economic Development Authority staff discussing** the upcoming transition in moving the Endow Iowa application process to an online system. This will be a good opportunity to learn more about this process, provide input and ask questions about the EI application process. Please help to ensure the appropriate representatives from your organizations are on the call, particularly those that work directly with the application process. Once the system is ready for release, we will schedule a webinar to conduct training on the new system. To register to participate in the call, please [click here](#).

### **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.

### **Tri-State Community Foundation Partnership Webinar Series**

**Monthly, Various dates and times**

This monthly webinar series focuses on a variety of topics that are of interest to the community foundation sector. To view the monthly offerings and/or to register for an upcoming webinar, [click here](#).

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## **Community Foundations in the News**

### **Foundations Making Headlines**

The **Floyd County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** recently added four new members to their governing committee. [Click here](#) to read the article.

Kristi Knous, President of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**, has been a part of the Capital Crossroads work in Des Moines to create a five-year blueprint for growing and enhancing the Des Moines community. [Click here](#) to read more about this work.

KCRG TV recently aired a story featuring Terry Gaumer, Affiliate Development Director for **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**. Terry talked about the work of their Affiliate in **Buchanan County** spearheading a capital campaign for a local animal shelter.

Rapids paper, supporting the Endow Iowa tax credit program. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**, recently awarded over \$425,000 in grants in their communities. [Click here](#) to read the article.

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## **Articles & Items of Interest**

### **Policy Update: The Johnson Amendment and the impact on nonprofits non-partisanship**

Recently, Forefront, an association of Chicago-area grantmakers formed to promote effective and responsive philanthropy, released a policy update regarding The Johnson Amendment. Currently this amendment is being considered for review and/or repeal. The Johnson Amendment of 1954 currently prohibits all 501(c)3 organizations, namely churches and nonprofits, **from directly campaigning for or against specific political candidates**. Proposed policy changes would expand their present purview to include direct endorsement of or opposition to political candidates. To learn more about this issue, [click here](#).

### **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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