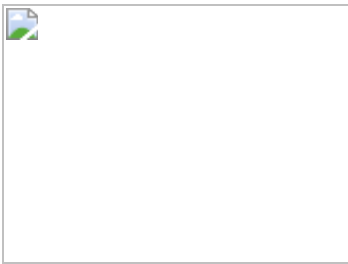


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CF SNAPSHOT



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 Series, Webinar

10 Ways to Strategically Invest your

CEFP Funds in Your Community.

Tuesday, June 20 | 10 am

[Register here!](#)

2017 Endow Iowa Tax Credits Depleted

Nichole Hansen with the Iowa Economic Authority announced on May 9th that the 2017 Endow Iowa Tax Credits had been allocated. In her announcement she stated:

"As of 5/9/17, all 2017 Endow Iowa credits have been allocated. The administrative rules for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program state: If the number of applications exceeds the amount of annual tax credits available, the authority shall establish a wait list for the next year's allocation of tax credits and applications shall first be funded in the order listed on the wait list. Starting 5/10/17, IEDA will review applications for 2018 credits and start the 2018 wait list. In January 2018, IEDA will issue tax credit certificates for those on the wait list, in the order in which they were received."

We will continue to keep you updated on information from the IEDA on this program and submitted applications for 2018.

Connect Conference: Save the Date

ICoF's Annual Connect Conference: Community Foundations Networking Summit will be held **Thursday, September 14** at the DMACC Conference Center at the Newton Campus in Newton, Iowa. This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their region and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a free opportunity sponsored through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Registration information and speaker information will be released shortly.

CF Stories Blog

In this month's Blog posting, Michelle Temeyer, Executive Director, Waterloo Community Foundation, blogs about participating in the Community Foundation Boot Camp training offered in May by ICoF. The Boot Camp provides a comprehensive training in all things Community Foundations and was offered over 2-days in both West Des Moines and Cedar Rapids. A team from the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance lead the

Learn more by reading Michelle's blog [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

June Peer Learning Series *FREE*

Tuesday, June 20 | 10 am | Register [here](#)!

This month's Peer Learning Series will feature Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, on a webinar discussing *10 Ways to Strategically Invest your CEFP Dollars in Your Community*. Kari will present several ideas of how to strategically invest CEFP funds in your communities. Now is the time to start planning for the grantmaking portion of these funds--before their annual distribution later this summer! The Peer Learning Series offers a good opportunity to learn from your peers, ask questions or share your own success stories or challenges. To register to participate in this webinar, please click on the link above. To access past PLC recordings, please [click here](#).

Fast-Track Iowa's Future

Wednesday, June 21 | 9 am - 4:30 pm | [Register here!](#)

Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, IA

In partnership with the National Governor's Association Work-Based Learning Grant, the Iowa STEM Council and numerous organizational planning partners, is introducing, FAST-TRACK IOWA's FUTURE: "A Future Ready Iowa Conference to make Work-Based Learning and STEM work for you". Fast-Track Iowa's Future, a conference featuring education-workforce innovations emerging across Iowa, will engage stakeholders in dialogue on how to grow and improve school-business partnerships, especially in STEM. The conference goal is to equip attendees with the knowledge, connections and resources to build school-business partnerships in home communities. It is the state's major work-based learning and STEM Conference.

The 2017 National Summit on Volunteer Engagement Leadership

Wednesday, July 26 - Friday, July 28

Minneapolis, MN

The need for effective, innovative and increased citizen involvement in solving today's growing social, educational, environmental and community problems has never been greater. Statistical reports from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2014 reported a decrease in the number of citizens performing volunteer work, despite national campaigns promoting service. In 2015, Volunteer and Civic Service Engagement in the US reported that only a quarter of residents volunteer, a percentage that has not increased over the past decade. This Summit provides an opportunity for current and emerging leaders to discover together how to build a new national presence, tackle the issues they face and maximize their skills as volunteer engagement experts to improve our nation's communities. For additional information, please click [here](#).

Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations: *Save the Date*

This Conference is tailored but not limited to small-staffed and volunteer-led community foundations in rural, small urban, and suburban America. It is designed to meet the needs of both new and seasoned board members and staff in practical training to enhance skills in all major areas of community foundation management. All board members and other volunteers, executive directors and other staff of community foundations are welcome to attend.

There are fundamental, intermediary and advanced tracks developed to fit diverse learning needs of the attendees and to provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge and practical solutions. Best practices and know-how are shared to help increase a foundation's capacities and impact in the community. For additional information, please [click here](#).

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](#).

2017 Midwest Corporate Giving Webinar Series

Webinars offered bi-monthly by topic April 19 - December 13

Philanthropic associations from four Midwest states have collaborated to present six webinars designed for companies with either a corporate foundation, advised fund at a community foundation, or a giving program. The series is intended to help business professionals think smarter and perform better when it comes to combining their corporate mission with philanthropic action. To view a listing of webinar topics and to register for any of the offerings, [click here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

Foundations Making Headlines

The **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines** is partnering with their local United Way and Vision to Learn Iowa to bring mobile vision screening to Des Moines elementary schools and free glasses to students in-need. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** is participating in a local program to support youth in job-training efforts. [Click here](#) to read the article.

The Board of the **Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation** recently approved more than \$5 million for grantmaking in their area. [Click here](#) to read the article.

A founding Board member of the **Pottawattamie Community Foundation** was recently featured in the local newspaper for his ongoing dedication and work for the community foundation. [Click here](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

New Study on Tax Policy and Charitable Giving Policy

A new study was released last month that was researched and written by the staff at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Study and commissioned by Independent Sector to review data around tax policy and its impacts on charitable giving. With the new tax reform bill making its way through Congress now is a good time to better understand how tax policy impacts the work of philanthropy. To access the study and more information on this topic, the Council of Foundations has dedicated a page on their website. You can access it [here](#).

Wellmark Small MATCH Grant Applications Available

Request for proposals are being accepted for the Small MATCH grants. The Wellmark Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and community groups that develop and implement sustainable projects that focus on active living and healthy nutrition. Successful proposals will focus on community based initiatives in these two areas. The programs should focus on non-patient populations versus targeting patients in a clinical setting. These grants are available for up to \$25,000 and must be matched at 50 percent. The Small MATCH grant request for proposal is [available online](#). Applications are due by midnight on June 16.

Washington Update

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

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