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# CF SNAPSHOT

The CF Snapshot is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. If you have information you would like included, please [email Michele Walstrom](#), ICoF Community Foundations Services Coordinator.

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## Upcoming Events

### November Peer Learning Call:

November 15 | 10 am

ICoF Conference Call Line: 1-866-740-1260, Passcode: 9891188#

The next Peer Learning Call will provide an opportunity for attendees of the National Conference for Growing Community Foundations to share back information with their Iowa CF colleagues. Speakers will include:

- Laura Booth, Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Donor Relations Officer;
- Kari McCann Boutell, Iowa Council of Foundations President;
- Dave Lewis, Community Foundation of Johnson County Executive Director;
- Jenna Manders, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Knowledge Management Director; and
- Christi Smeed, Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation Development Assistant.

Each participant will share different perspectives of what they learned at the conference.

[Register Today](#)

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## Idea Implementation Grants Awarded

The Iowa Council of Foundations' annual Connect Community Foundations Conference was held September 14. As part of this conference, ICoF offered a grant program, Idea Implementation Grants, for attendees to seek grant funding for a program or idea that was sparked at the conference. Funds are used to help a community foundation implement the program or project back home.

This year grant awards were made to nine community foundations and affiliates all across the state and included programs that will build relationships with local PAs, expand awareness of the CF's work in the community, and cultivating new donors, in new ways. As a reminder, if you attended the conference, or would like to access the speakers content and other supporting materials from Connect, please [click here](#).

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## CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog post, Angie Determan, governing committee member with the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, writes about a partnership they developed with a local nonprofit that led to them receiving the Outstanding Non-Profit Collaboration Award through The Iowa Nonprofit Center. The Iowa Nonprofit Awards recognize excellence in the nonprofit sector in conjunction with the Iowa Nonprofit Summit. This award was recently presented to the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation by the Lieutenant Governor.

[Read This Month's Blog](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

**Tri-State Community Foundation Partnership Webinar Series:  
Developing Your Team**

**Wednesday, November 8th | 1-3 p.m. EST**

Taking a comprehensive and proactive approach to talent management can help community foundations to retain and develop talent, identify gaps, and be

staff development plans to most effectively nurture and support one of a foundation's most critical assets. [Learn more and register here.](#)

**Webinar: Great Funder-Nonprofit Relationships**  
**Thursday, November 9th | 2-3 p.m. EST | FREE**

*“What makes a great funder-nonprofit relationship?”*

Over the course of 2017, Exponent Philanthropy, in collaboration with the National Council of Nonprofits, explored that question along with funders and nonprofits from around the country, and asked, *“How can we get there?”* During this webinar you will hear what both funders and nonprofits had to say about building trust, leaning into discomfort, and navigating the power dynamics inherent in grantmaking, as well as ways to cultivate great relationships between funders and nonprofits. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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## Peer Pointers

This new section to the CF Snapshot will feature short descriptions of positive work happening at Affiliate and Host Foundations across Iowa. If you'd like more information about any of the topics in this section, please [contact Michele.](#)

- **Hardin County Community Foundation** has started a new grantmaking program to address the need in their community for larger grant commitments for capital campaigns or large community projects. They have named this program *Tidal Wave Grants*.
  - **Wright County Charitable Foundation** is working with their local economic development leaders to improve housing availability in their community by converting an old elementary school into apartments. Other CFs are doing similar work that is moving beyond traditional grantmaking and helping to address critical community needs.
  - Have you considered asking your Legislators to your awards dinners, luncheons or events? This is a simple way to educate them on the important work of your CF. Many affiliates and Hosts throughout the state already do this and are able to share the importance of community foundation work and Endow Iowa with their Legislators.
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[The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#) recently announced it will take over the administration and investments for the Muscatine Community Schools Foundation.

[The Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County](#), an affiliate of the [Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#), recently announced their annual grant awards totaling more than \$120,000.

[Jerry Mathiasen](#), CEO of the [Pottawattamie County Community Foundation](#) announced his retirement that is effective as of November 1st.

[The Story County Community Foundation](#), an affiliate of the [Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#), announced their first full-time executive director appointment.

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Grant Applications Available

The Komen Greater Iowa Affiliate, now serving 106 counties has their 2018-2019 Request for Application/grant process information now available. The grant deadline is December 22. [Learn more here](#).

### Update on the Endow Iowa Program

The most recent update provided by IEDA shows that there are \$4,385,880.42 available in remaining 2018 tax credits.

### Washington Snapshot

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

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## Available Resources

The ICoF office and staff has recently been receiving requests for trainings and information on building and maintaining successful Boards. As a reminder, the ICoF website has a plethora of resources available to you on this topic and many others. During the summer of 2016, ICoF sponsored 2 webinars with Tony Macklin on [Building an Effective Board](#) and [Your Board as Resource](#)

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