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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

### February Peer-Learning Call:

February 14 | 10-11 am

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

The next Peer-Learning Call will feature a variety of your colleagues sharing examples of grants they have received through ICoF grant programs including Idea Implementation and Capacity Building grants. Join the call and learn from those that have had successful grant proposals and projects. Let it spark an idea for you to submit an application for grant funding this year!

[Register Today](#)

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## Capacity Building Grants Awarded

Each year the Iowa Council of Foundations, as part of the Community Foundations Initiative, awards Capacity Building grants through a competitive grants process. This year is the first time there is both a Fall and Spring grant cycle available. The Capacity Building Grant Program supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment growth/building. This fall's grant awards were made to four community foundations and affiliates:

- Floyd County Community Foundation; and
- Warren County Philanthropic Partnership.

Funding will support programs that will build relationships with local PAs, expand awareness of the CF's work in the community, and develop an integrated planned giving strategy. The 2018 Spring Capacity Building Grant Pre-Application will be available in February.

## Preview: 2018 ICoF Learning Opportunities

In 2018, ICoF will continue to offer you a variety of learning, networking and training opportunities. Peer-Learning Calls will take place in February, June, August and November featuring the following topics: Successful Grant Applications, Affiliate Makeover, Donor Events: What's Worked, What Hasn't, and Conference Shareback. These quarterly peer-to-peer learning opportunities provide a forum for you to learn from you colleagues on a variety of topics.

The Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference will be held in September 2018. Additional details and learning opportunities will be available throughout the year and shared through *CF Snapshot* as well as on the ICoF website. Stay tuned!

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## CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog post, Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President blogs about recent ICoF marketing efforts that helped create new advocacy and outreach opportunities.

[Read This Month's Blog](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

**National Standards: What You Need to Know About the New Process**  
Tuesday, December 5 | 9-10 am

National Standards program, highlighting accountability, integrity, and overall commitment to excellence in community philanthropy. However, with a relatively high turnover rate among community foundation staff, keeping up with the changes to the National Standards program can be difficult. This webinar is intended to highlight the recent changes in the accreditation program and answer frequently asked questions to allow community foundation staff to move through the process with confidence and ease. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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

#### **IT Security Basics**

**Wednesday, December 13 | noon - 2 pm**

Don't wait until a breach of privacy to talk about your community foundation's IT security. This webinar examines the must-haves and must-dos, including the minimum requirements and additional security procedures community foundations should have in place. We will move into the world of real life examples of what can happen before, during and after a (potential) breach. This will open your eyes to the possibilities, experiences, and most importantly, solutions and protection in this underexposed area of impact in our foundations. [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.](#)

- **The Community Foundation of Jackson County** recently used their Idea Implementation grant funds to create six story boards that share the work of various funds and programs of the foundation. These story boards are on display in their office but also travel to meetings and events throughout their county such as Kiwanis, Rotary and donor events.
  - Have you considered asking questions in a different way to find potential Board members or new donors? When talking with people in your community consider asking this "Tell me who loves this community--not just who has the most money or power/influence."
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[The Siouxland Community Foundation](#) recently received a \$100K grant from [Tyson Foods](#) to address food insecurity in their area

The [Foundation For the Future of Delaware County](#) leaders recently met with state representatives in their area to advocate for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program. FFDC is an affiliate of the [Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque](#).

The [Pottawattamie County Community Foundation](#) announced that Kelly Dix has been named the Interim President/CEO

The [Okoboji Foundation's](#) Youth in Philanthropy program continues to do good work throughout Dickinson County.

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Update on Tax Reform Impacting Charitable Giving

Although it is still somewhat of a moving target, there are potentially major changes to the charitable deduction and a variety of issues that will impact the nonprofit sector as part of the current Tax Reform Bills. [Learn more here.](#)

### Update on the Endow Iowa Program

The most recent update provided by IEDA shows that there are \$4,150,867.38 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

Planning for your 2018 CEFP Grantmaking? Consider watching "Ten Ways to Invest your CEFP Dollars" webinar with your Board or grantmaking committee. This webinar, led by Kari McCann Boutell, can be found on the ICoF website Resources section along with a variety of other resources to assist community foundations. [Watch the webinar here.](#)

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