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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.

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](#)

Spring Capacity Building Grants Cycle

Even though it certainly doesn't feel like spring outside, we are preparing for our Spring Capacity Building Grants Cycle to launch. Again this year, we will offer a spring and fall grant cycle. Each year the ICoF, as part of the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative, awards Capacity Building grants through a competitive grants process. These grants support activities of qualified community foundations and affiliates to grow/build sustainable endowments.

application, please consider participating in the Peer Learning Call on February 14 to learn from your peers who have written successful grant proposals for this program in the past. More information about the spring cycle will be available in the February *CF Snapshot* and on the ICoF website.

CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog post, Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President blogs about potential changes ahead for community foundations due to tax reform.

[Read This Month's Blog](#)

Learning Opportunities

United Philanthropy Forum Policy Webinar January 30, 2018 | 1 - 2 pm CT

Join the United Philanthropy Forum Policy Team and others as they give an update on the national policy scene. These questions will be answered:

- Where are we and what are we to do following the passing of the tax bill?
- How will it effect philanthropy and the charitable sector?
- How should we be thinking about our communications and advocacy moving towards the 2018 mid-term elections?
- What key messages should we deliver to our Representatives?

Please join us!

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Council on Foundations Community Foundations Finance Training Tuesday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 in Cedar Rapids

The Iowa Council of Foundations is partnering with the Council on Foundations to host a Community Foundations Finance Training May 15-16, 2018 in Cedar

offer a flat rate for the training of \$299 per person. Registration will open on January 17. You will receive an e-mail notification with a code you can use to access the discount. If you have any questions in advance, please [contact Kari](#).

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 Greater Dubuque** recently created a year-in-review video to highlight the good work that happened in 2017 because of their donors and programs. This short video gives a brief overview of the impact their CF had on the Greater Dubuque area in 2017. [View the video here](#).
- Have you considered participating in an "Asset Mapping" exercise with your board or in your community? This process creates an opportunity to create a "map" of all the assets your community has that make it a great place to live, work, etc. Knowing what your community has already and mapping it with others can create a sense of community pride that is helpful to share with potential donors or new board members. This process can also help to identify gaps in programming or services in your community which can be addressed through your grantmaking program.

Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines recently announced their Leadership Grants.](#)

[The Crawford County Community Foundation an affiliate of the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa announced \\$11K in grants to nonprofits.](#)

[The Dickinson County Endowment Fund, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, recently funded a preschool program that will benefit 3-5 year old students in their county.](#)

Seven Proposal Writing Tips from a Foundation CEO

Guidestar recently published a blog that details important tips to consider when writing a grant proposal. [Read the full post here.](#)

Update on the Endow Iowa Program

The most recent update as of December 22, provided by IEDA, shows that there are \$3,782,932.45 available in remaining 2018 tax credits.

Washington Snapshot

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

Available Resources

As the new Iowa Legislative Session is about to begin, please consider taking some time to review ICoF resources that explain the important roles of our state programs for community foundations. The Legislative Resources section on the ICoF website has Fact Sheets about the Endow Iowa Tax Credit and CEFP Programs. As a reminder, our annual Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast will be March 8 at the Capitol. If you have questions about the breakfast or either legislative program, please contact [contact Kari.](#)

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