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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! This call will feature the following speakers:

- Kaye Englin, CEO, *Community Foundation Northeast Iowa*
- Jenna Manders, Knowledge Management Director, *Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque*
- Mary Freiborg, President, *Okoboji Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines*
- Sunni Swarbrick, Executive Director, *Story County Community Foundation, an Affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines*

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## State Capitol Rotunda

This annual gathering is an opportunity for community foundation staff, volunteers, and board members to meet informally with their state legislators to discuss the importance of community foundation work in our state. This is also an opportunity to continue advocating for our two state programs that benefit community foundations: the County Endowment Fund Program and the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program. ICoF will provide a one-page handout and talking points in advance of the breakfast.

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## Spring Capacity Building Grants: Pre-Application Now Available

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 endowments.

The Spring Capacity Building Grants Cycle opens today! The first step to participate is to submit a Pre-Application. This Pre-Application is available now and due as soon as possible and by **March 16** at the latest. [Access the Pre-Application here!](#) Once your Pre-Application has been reviewed and approved you will receive the full grant application to complete **by April 30**.

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. Additional information including full grant guidelines is [available here](#).

## County Endowment Fund Program Annual Report Released

The Annual County Endowment Fund Program Report will be distributed tomorrow to State Legislators and the Governor's Office. This Report serves as

New this year, we are encouraging community foundations to share a local grant impact story when you distribute your copies of the CEFP Report. We have included a sample grant impact story from the Grundy County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa to demonstrate how to effectively share a local story.

- [Access the insert template here](#)
- [Access the insert example here](#)

Each community foundation and affiliate should receive 20 copies of the report in the mail this week. If you have questions regarding the report or the insert, or would like additional copies of the report, please [contact the ICoF office](#).

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## CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog post, Jake Byers, Director of Communication and Marketing for the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa blogs about the benefits of communicating grant stories on their website. Creating a link between donors and the grantee shows anyone visiting their website the power of working with a community foundation for charitable good.

[Read This Month's Blog](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

**Tri-State CF Partnership Webinar Series**  
**Bring Them Back! Reverse Scholarship Model in Practice**  
**February 14, 2018 | 12 - 2 pm CT | \$50 for non-members**

Join the Tri-Sate (Michigan, Indiana, Ohio) CF Partnership for this month's webinar which examines how philanthropy is leveraging the reverse scholarship model to combat the "brain drain." Learn about work that's underway, early successes, and how you can model this work in your own community.

## **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 Rapids. As part of the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative, the ICoF will subsidize the cost for Iowa community foundations staff to attend and offer a flat rate for the training of \$299 per person. Your organization recently received an email with the code to use when registering for the discount. If you have any questions regarding the training or registration, please [contact Kari](#).

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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## **Peer Pointers**

This section of the CF Snapshot features short descriptions of positive work happening at community foundations and affiliates 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** hosted a Community Showcase for people in the community to learn more about the nonprofits in their area. It was also a time for nonprofits to get to know each other as well. [Learn more here](#).
- Consider integrating a new strategy in your communications plan in 2018! Community foundations and affiliates have used the following:
  - distributing news releases to your local media;
  - contacting your local radio station for an on-air interview;
  - share news on your website and in social media.

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## **Community Foundations in the News**

[The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine recently acquired the assets of the local Health Support Foundation and will now manage this fund](#)

[The Pella Community Foundation awards \\$62K in grants to area nonprofits](#)

[collaborative program between Goodwill and Kirkwood Community College](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Large Match Grants Available from Wellmark Foundation

The Wellmark Foundation is accepting proposals for its large Matching Assets to Community Health (MATCH) grants until midnight on February 23. The large MATCH grants are for up to \$100,000 and must be matched at 100 percent.

[Learn more here!](#)

### Iowa Campus Compact Survey

Iowa Campus Compact (IACC) is conducting a statewide evaluation to explore community based organization's perceptions of their partnership with institutions of higher education. The evaluation will inform how IACC can effectively partner with community organizations. The first step is a quick, confidential survey that should take 5-10 minutes to complete. Your responses will be useful, and greatly appreciated, no matter your interest in participating any further. Those who complete the survey can enter to win a gift card. Please share this survey with your grantees and nonprofit partners and [contact Kara Trebil-Smith](#), Research and Evaluation Specialist with questions.

[Complete the survey here!](#)

### Washington Snapshot

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

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