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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

### **Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast**

March 8 | 7:30-9:00 am | Iowa 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 and will have copies available at the Capitol.

[Register Today](#)

### **May Peer-Learning Call *Save the Date!***

May 23 | 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 ideas on best practices in community foundation communications. We will hear about a variety of strategies used by Host and Affiliate organizations that have proven effective in building understanding of their work in the community while

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## Spring Capacity Building Grants: Pre-Applications Due March 16

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 is now open! The first step to participate is to [submit a Pre-Application](#). This Pre-Application is due as soon as possible and by **March 16**. Once your Pre-Application has been reviewed and approved you will receive the full grant application to complete **by April 30**.

For ideas, consider [listening to the February Peer Learning Call](#). This call featured colleagues from across the state that have received grant funding through the capacity building grants program.

## Colleague Inquiry: Consultant Recommendation

A community foundation colleague is looking for recommendations for a consultant to lead staff team building activities at an upcoming retreat. If you have a recommendation of a consultant that you have worked with, please send information to [info@iowacounciloffoundations.org](mailto:info@iowacounciloffoundations.org) **by Friday, March 9**.

As a reminder, you are able to submit inquiries to ICoF to collect feedback from your community foundation peers. ICoF staff collect the responses and share the results of the inquiries back to the network through our online Knowledge Center. [Archives of Colleague Inquiries can be found here](#).

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## CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog post, Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President blogs about the importance of connecting with local legislators about your work and the benefits of the Endow Iowa Tax Credit and County Endowment Fund Programs.

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## Learning Opportunities

### Iowa Rural Development Summit

April 5-6 | Grinnell | Three tickets for \$150

The 2018 Iowa Rural Development Summit is quickly approaching. Community leaders from rural towns across Iowa will participate in two days of sessions, workshops and interactive activities intended to move them from inspiration to implementation when it comes to projects, initiatives or community development. Communities interested in attending are required to bring a three-person team to the Summit.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### Tri-State CF Partnership Webinar Series

Lifting Voices: Increasing Civic Engagement Through Creative Community Convening

March 7 | 12 - 2 pm CT | \$50 for non-members | Hosted by Philanthropy Ohio

Convening is one of the most important roles community foundations play, bringing people together around critical issues and amplifying their voices. This webinar features CFs who have used this role to improve civic engagement in their communities, drawing from real-life examples and sharing learnings.

Participating in this webinar will help you:

- Increase your understanding of the role civic engagement can play in building healthy communities;
- Build your knowledge about digital civic engagement; and
- Discern ways you can invest in creating more engaged citizens.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Tuesday, May 15 - Wednesday, May 16, 2018 | Cedar Rapids | \$299

The Iowa Council of Foundations is partnering with the Council on Foundations to host a Community Foundations Finance Training in Iowa! 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](#).

- Did you know that sending staff or volunteers to conferences or trainings is capacity building? And creating a long-term plan to hire a part-time or full-time staff member is also considered capacity building? Both the **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque** and the **Story County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines** have benefited from building their capacity in this way, through funding from the ICoF Capacity Building Grant Program. Pre-Applications are being accepted now!
- Stuck in a rut for ideas of how to engage young professionals in your community? Mary Freiborg, President of the **Okoboji Community Foundation** and her Board launched an Emerging Leaders Program last year to thoughtfully engage younger members of their community in nonprofit boards. You can [learn more by listening to the February PLC](#).

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## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines recently received a \\$2.5M gift of land through their farmland giving program, \*Keep Iowa Growing\*](#)

[The South Central Iowa Community Foundation celebrates their 25th Anniversary.](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### ICoF Members Get Direct Access to Expert Ideas

Learn how to transform your giving and maximize your impact through a new Video Series, streaming LIVE throughout 2018 and presented by global philanthropy advisor Kris Putnam-Walkerly. Kris presented the keynote address at the 2017 Connect Conference. The Live Stream Series will take place monthly between March and September 2018. ICoF members save 20%: \$315 for individuals and \$715 for your entire organization. Use code "ICOF20" to apply your discount. [Sign up and learn more here.](#)

### Washington Snapshot

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

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