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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

November Peer-Learning Call: Conference Shareback

Wednesday, November 14 | 10-11 am

The next Peer Learning Call will provide an opportunity for attendees of conferences throughout the year to share back information with their community foundation colleagues. This is a great way to learn about what's new in the community foundation field, trends, policies, etc. without ever having to leave your office! Join us for this PLC to hear the highlights from a variety of conferences and topics from your colleagues.

[Register here](#)

Connect Conference a Success!

The annual Connect Community Foundations Conference was held on September 18. Community Foundations and affiliates from across the state came together to learn about: rural economic development, changing your community's narrative, building better advisory board meetings, strategic planning for growth, legal considerations for CFs, and impacts of the new tax

If you attended the conference, or would like to access the speakers content and other supporting materials from Connect, please [click here](#).

As a reminder, [Idea Implementation Grant Applications](#) and [Mileage Reimbursement Forms](#) are **due October 5** for those community foundations who had two or more people attend Connect.

Fall Capacity Building Grants Cycle

The Capacity Building Grants Program supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment growth/building. Capacity building grants provide community foundations with support to implement projects or programs necessary to enhance their organizational capacity and address important issues of fund development and effectiveness. The first step in applying is to [submit a Pre-Application Form online which can be found here](#).

CF Stories Blog

In this month's post, Sunni Swarbrick, Executive Director of the Story County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, shares reflections on attending her first Connect Community Foundations Conference.

[Read this month's blog here!](#)

Learning Opportunities

National Standards Monthly Conference Call

Second Wednesday of each month | 12 pm | Next call is October 10

The purpose of this monthly call is to offer community foundation staff a venue to voice questions or concerns related to the National Standards program. The input of CF staff is critical to the success of the program. Additionally, this call

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

October 14-16 | Wichita, KS

The Conference brings the West and the East, the North and the South to the center of the country to network, learn and share experiences with other community foundations. This year's theme – *Inspiring Thriving Communities* – will frame three days of 28 concurrent sessions, seven ideas labs, four deeper dives, three plenaries and 12 retreats on topics related to: asset development, legal aspects, governance, marketing, finance and operations, programs, public policy and advocacy, and leadership.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Council on Foundations: Leading Together

April 29 - May 1, 2019 | Miami, FL

Leading Together is a gathering of smart and pioneering people exploring the intersection of philanthropy and driving communities forward. It's a place where you find the time to pause, let your mind go free, and think about big ideas and what's possible. Early bird registration opens October 2.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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 these topics, please [contact Michele](#).

- Many know that responding to disasters through charitable giving can be an important role community foundations serve following a disaster in their community. Soon after the July 19 tornado that hit Marshalltown, the Community Foundation of Marshall County, an affiliate of the Community

efforts and community needs" following this devastating event. You can [learn more about the fund here](#).

- The ICoF recently developed the [Iowa Community Foundations Disaster Philanthropy Toolkit](#) to help you get started in this work. The [Center for Disaster Philanthropy](#) and the [Disaster Philanthropy Playbook](#) are great resources for additional education and information about this topic.
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Community Foundations in the News

[The Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation will kick off their annual Big Give fundraiser while honoring donors and volunteers in the county.](#)

[The Jasper Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, recently announced 29 grant awards.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation shares about their role in community leadership and responsive grantmaking in a recent web posting.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Washington Snapshot

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

Available Resources

New Resources Available at Connect Conference

There were many resources available to Connect Conference attendees in the Marketing Exchange. Many resources were brought by Community Foundations and their affiliates which highlighted marketing and communication materials. Additionally, the ICoF had on display and for distribution to each attendee, the newly released [Iowa Community Foundations Initiative Guide to Effective Grantmaking](#) which provides best practices in building an effective

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