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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

February Peer-Learning Call: Working with Nonprofits to Grow Endowments

Save the Date! Wednesday, February 13 | 10 am

The first Peer-Learning Call of 2019 will provide an opportunity for participants to learn from colleagues on best practices of working with nonprofit organizations to grow endowments. What are some of the ways to engage nonprofits? How do you know if an agency is ready for endowment building? What is the best way to approach them? Join us in February to learn more!

Preview: 2019 ICoF Learning Opportunities

In 2019, the ICoF will continue to offer you a variety of learning, networking and training opportunities. Peer-Learning Calls will be held at 10am on the following dates:

- Working with Nonprofits to Build Endowments - February 13
- Community Leadership - June 12
- Communications Roundup - August 14
- Conference Shareback - November 13

On May 22-23, ICoF will host, along with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, the Community Foundations Boot Camp. This two-day training will be held in Altoona. The Boot Camp is designed for community foundation staff and board members. The purpose of the Boot Camp is to provide an overview of the structure and operations of a community foundation. The program will cover eight topics:

- Community Foundation Overview
- Governance
- Fund Management
- Asset Development
- Finance and Investments
- Grantmaking and Community Leadership
- Operational Sustainability
- Community Foundation Lifecycles

The Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference will be held in September 2019 in Johnston. This annual free conference is open to any community foundation staff, board members or volunteers. It provides a unique opportunity to network with other like-sized foundations and also learn about a variety of topics impacting the community foundation field.

Additional learning opportunities will be available throughout the year and shared through CF Snapshot as well as on the ICoF website. Stay tuned!

CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog, we are re-posting a blog from David Bennett of the *Community Foundation Research and Training Institute*. David recently blogged about a provision of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 that might require you to file a Form 990-T to report a fringe benefit like free parking for your employees.

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

Learning Opportunities

December 4 | 12 - 1 pm | FREE Webinar

The Funders' Network and Center for Disaster Philanthropy have collaborated with PPREP cohort member, Kelly Thompson of the newly re-branded Quad Cities Community Foundation to offer this special webinar. In this webinar, participants will consider the role public media and public libraries play in supporting local communities during times of shock and stress. Leaders will share information on:

- public media's role as an independent source of information and local reporting;
- initiatives to capitalize on building local public media capacity during disasters;
- how public libraries perceive their roles in disaster response; and
- challenges to maintaining and enhancing public institutions in their disaster response efforts.

[Learn more and register here TODAY!](#)

National Standards Monthly Conference Call

Second Wednesday of each month | 12 pm | Next call is December 12

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 provides an opportunity for National Standards staff to update CF staff about any upcoming changes or improvements to the accreditation process.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

ICoF Member Convening: Fostering Innovation in the Nonprofit Sector

December 13 | 11 am - 2 pm | Creative Adventure Lab | Dubuque, IA

Innovation is a hot topic, especially in the business world. Yet, innovation in the nonprofit sector is more critical than ever as the challenges we face in our communities become more complex and the pressure to have impact at scale becomes greater. How are nonprofits keeping up? What strategies are there for

innovation?

This 3-hour session will include presentations from Creative Adventure Lab (Dubuque, IA) and NewBoCo (Cedar Rapids, IA) staff. Both organizations will share their work to foster innovation in the nonprofit sector. Funders will also have the opportunity to participate in two ideation exercises to put these practices and concepts into action.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

ICoF Childcare Funder Webinar

January 7, 2019 | 2 - 3 pm

Join Iowa funders for a conversation about childcare needs across the state. You will hear from Dawn Oliver, Executive Director of the Iowa Women's Foundation, about their research and policy work on this topic. You will also hear from Kaye Englin, President & CEO of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, about their work in this space over the last year. There will be time for Q&A and dialogue among participants before we wrap up.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

ICoF Census 2020 Funder Webinar

January 15, 2019 | 2 - 3 pm

Join Iowa funders for a conversation about Census 2020 outreach and engagement efforts funders can be leading in their communities to ensure a fair and accurate county. You will hear from Dave Geenen, Executive Director of the Doris & Victor Day Foundation, about their work on this issue in Illinois.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Leading Together: Council on Foundations Annual Conference

April 29 - May 1, 2019 | Miami, FL

you find the time to pause, let your mind go free, and think about big ideas and what's possible. Registration is now open.

[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](#).

- In last month's CF Snapshot we released [new communication materials](#) for community foundations to use when talking with donors about how the new tax laws impact IRA Rollovers and gifts to Donor-Advised Funds. **Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation**, an affiliate of the **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**, held a breakfast recently in one of their communities and shared this information with attendees. As you meet with donors throughout the holiday season and beyond, consider sharing this important information with them.



Community Foundations in the News

[The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way](#) is helping students see better in their community through the Vision to Learn program.

[The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines](#) has started using a new

[The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend is now the Quad Cities Community Foundation.](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine recently announced grant awards to local nonprofit organizations totaling more than \\$200K.](#)

[The Story County Community Foundation announced 2 major grant awards amongst 17 recently announced grants.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Update on Endow Iowa Program

The most recent update provided by IEDA indicates there are \$2.2M available in remaining 2019 tax credits.

Grant Opportunity for Rural Communities

Thanks to a partnership with the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the [Rural Innovation Initiative](#), is a new project to help more rural communities realize their visions for creating resilient, innovation-based jobs for local residents. Applications will be accepted until [January 15, 2019](#). For more information, please visit the [Rural Innovation Initiative's website](#) and explore [CORI's Rural Opportunity Map](#).

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities Community Partner Sought

The University of Iowa Office of Outreach and Engagement is currently seeking an Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities (IISC) community partner for the 2019-20 academic year. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until [February 1, 2019](#). Interested communities are encouraged to contact IISC Director Travis Kraus at travis-kraus@uiowa.edu or 319.335.2798

Washington Snapshot

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