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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.

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## ICoF Spring Capacity Building Grants Announced

Spring 2019 Capacity Building Grants were awarded to 10 community foundations and affiliates. Awards ranged from \$1,000 - \$15,000 supporting:

- **Calhoun County Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation & United Way: board development and professional advisor outreach;
- **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines**: affiliate handbook for growth and expansion;
- **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**: estate planning services for affiliate donors;
- **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**: website updates, donor communications and marketing;
- **Dyersville Area Community Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: staffing capacity;
- **Enhance Hamilton County Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: donor communications and marketing;
- **Okoboji Foundation**, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: technology upgrades;

- **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation:** professional development and strategic planning for agency endowment growth; and
- **South Central Iowa Community Foundation:** donor communications and marketing.

The Capacity Building Grant Program supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment growth/building. Pre-applications for the Fall 2019 cycle will open on **September 17**.

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## Iowa Flooding Response Continues

Several funds are open to support flood relief/recovery efforts across Iowa. A quick list of funds and additional resources is available below. The most recent addition to the list is from the Quad Cities Community Foundation who activated the [Quad Cities Disaster Recovery Fund](#) to support meeting the needs of Quad Citizens impacted by flooding. As needs and opportunities are identified in the weeks and months ahead, they will make investments through grants to support the long-term recovery needs of the community, including vulnerable populations. We will continue to share information on our social media pages as more information becomes available.

- [Quad Cities Disaster Recovery Fund](#)
- [Fremont County Flood Fund](#)
- [Mills County Flood Fund](#)
- [Harrison County Flood Fund](#)
- [United Way of the Midlands](#)
- Together a Greater Good – [Flood Resource Page](#)
- Share Omaha – [Flood Resource Page](#)

Additionally the Center for Disaster Philanthropy has offered some of their tools as you consider your response:

- The new [CDP Midwest Floods Recovery Fund](#) will drive funding to unmet needs in the region, likely focusing on supporting vulnerable populations, whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated; filling in gaps where public resources are unavailable or scarce; and fostering collaborative relationships among donors – including the sharing of information with funders and on-the-ground nonprofits.

- The [U.S. Spring Floods](#) disaster profile is regularly updated and designed to give philanthropy a forward view of the disaster, its facts and stats, and how to help.

As spring rains continue and river levels rise, if you become aware of other flood relief efforts in your county or community, or would like to find ways to support relief/recovery efforts, please [contact us](#).

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## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### **Community Foundation Boot Camp**

May 22-23 | \$250 per participant

ISU Extension of Polk County | Altoona, IA

The Iowa Council of Foundations, through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and in partnership with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, is pleased to offer the Community Foundation Boot Camp. The two-day training program offers a comprehensive overview of the structure and operations of a community foundation. Online registration has closed, but if you would still like to attend [contact Michele Walstrom](#) by **Wednesday, May 8**.

### **June Peer Learning Call: Community Leadership**

June 12 | 10 am | Call: 866-740-1260 & Enter Passcode: 9891188

Join your colleagues on the June Peer Learning Call to learn about Community Leadership initiatives that community foundations around the state are engaging in. We will explore the how's and why's of community leadership work and help you determine how your community foundation or affiliate might engage in similar work in your own community. You will hear from colleagues who have started a Women's Fund, another that brought the Vision To Learn program to their community, and several others.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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**2019 CONNECT COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 17 • 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**  
Hilton Garden Inn, 8600 Northpark Dr, Johnston, IA 50131

*Join us to learn from regional and national experts about trends in philanthropy and best practices for community foundations!*

Registration and additional information will be available in JULY at:  
[www.iowacounciloffoundations.org](http://www.iowacounciloffoundations.org)

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## CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog, ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell shares the key takeaways from a recent gathering of CF leaders exchanging ideas for making their communication tools more effective.

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

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## Learning Opportunities

### National Standards Monthly Conference Call

Second Wednesday of each month | 12 pm | Next call is May 8

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!](#)

Join the 2019 Small City Workshops series, which will feature six workshops around the state throughout June. Housing has become a critical issue in Iowa. In smaller cities, there is a common struggle of not finding developers willing to build new homes. Many others also have aging housing stock and abandoned homes that could be ripe for redevelopment, but find it difficult to get started. This year's workshops will feature a program on Rural Housing 360, which presents a collaborative approach to housing.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### **2019 Iowa Youth Philanthropy Conference**

August 6 | 9:30 am - 3:30 pm | Marshalltown Community College

Join us for a day of learning with youth philanthropy students and leaders from across the state. What to expect:

- Explore research on mental health needs of young people in Iowa;
- Learn about different youth philanthropy programs;
- Explore strategies to use your voice to advance issues and support causes you care about;
- Understand opportunities to stay connected to philanthropy and your community following graduation; and
- Get practical tools/resources to take back to your community with you.

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

A recent Year-End Capacity Building Grant Report was submitted from the Foundation for the Future of Delaware County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque (CFGD). The report outlined the strategic planning work the advisory committee has done. MJ Smith, CFGD Director of Affiliates, explains:

*with and followed by decision-making phases. The success of the project was the clear definition of new impact priorities. Specifically, they have named 'Empowering Families' as the new grant focus. This will be carried out through a series of knowledge-building sessions to bring them into clear focus on the challenges facing families. The lessons learned from the process were that time and rich discussion are needed to discern issues and plan meaningful responses. They are committed to the new focus and have already met with law enforcement, education and medical leaders to learn about needs of vulnerable families."*

Please consider applying for a Capacity Building Grant to support your strategic planning efforts!

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## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Marshall County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, recently announced \\$200K in grants to their community through their Rebuild Marshalltown fund.](#)

[Members of Teen Trust, a youth philanthropy program of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, recently disbursed nearly \\$12K in grants.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation announced \\$40K in grants from the Creating Safe, Equitable and Thriving Communities Fund.](#)

[The Grundy County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, recently awarded \\$100K in local grants.](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Google Impact Grants Challenge

Google recently announced the new Google.org Impact Challenge for Iowa, an opportunity for nonprofits across the state to apply for a share of \$1M in grant funding, as well as Google training, for projects to create enhanced economic opportunities in Iowa. Applications are open now through **May 17, 2019** [here](#). They are looking for projects that accomplish the following four goals:

community?

2. **Innovation.** Does the project provide an unexpected solution to an unmet need? Is it a novel application of a time-tested idea?
3. **Reach.** Does the project have ambitious goals and embody a big idea? Does it have the potential to scale directly or to serve as a model for other communities?
4. **Feasibility.** Is the team well-equipped to execute on the project and do they have a well-developed and realistic plan? Is the organization's leadership nimble and inspired?

After five winners have been selected, the public will have a chance to vote for the winner that will receive an additional \$125K to implement their idea.

### **2020 Census: Rural Communities Matter**

Having an accurate Census count that is representative of all groups in the US is a significant opportunity for philanthropy. A major issue that will impede a representative count is that the 2020 Census will be administered mainly online and broadband deficits in rural areas are pervasive. Read more about how organizations are collaborating to ensure that rural is represented, as well as opportunities to support this work on [Inside Philanthropy's website](#).

### **USDA Grants Available**

The Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) is now accepting grant applications for qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development that will support the community. Information regarding the grant program can be found [here](#).

### **Complete the Council of Foundations' Grantmaker Salary & Benefits Survey Today**

Please complete the Council on Foundations' [2019 Grantmaker Salary and Benefits \(GSB\) Survey](#). The goal is to gather the most comprehensive data possible on grantmaker compensation and benefits to inform the field. [Those who participate will have access to benchmarking information through ICoF once the report is published.](#) Thanks, in advance, for your participation!

be accessed [here](#).

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## Philanthropy Career Center

### **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa - Marketing and Communications Manager**

*Cedar Falls, IA | Full-Time*

**Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service** is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- AmeriCorps Program Officer;
- Communications and Engagement Officer;
- Senior National Service Program Officer;
- Mentoring Program Officer; and
- Volunteer Promotion Coordinator.

### **Quad Cities Community Foundation - Vice President of Finance**

*Quad Cities, IA | Full-Time*

### **Siouxland Community Foundation - Executive Director/President**

*Sioux City, IA | Full-Time*

[Learn more and apply here!](#)

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