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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 Trainings & Events

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!](#)



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

SAVE THE DATE

IOWA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS | FOR GOOD. FOR IOWA. FOR EVER. | IOWA COUNCIL OF FOUNDATIONS

This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their region and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a FREE opportunity sponsored through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Save the date on your calendar.

Registration will open July 1!

CF Stories Blog

In this month's blog, Charla Schafer, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine, shares her and her staff's key learnings from attending the Community Foundations Boot Camp in May.

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

Learning Opportunities

National Standards Monthly Conference Call

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

any upcoming changes or improvements to the accreditation process.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

2019 Small Cities

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!](#)

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

Recently the **Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa** hosted their annual workshop for their affiliates. As part of the day's learnings they featured a panel of affiliate community foundation staff and volunteer advisory committee members talking about their grantmaking. Some best practices included:

- Using a standard template for budgets on the grant application. This makes for easier comparison when the advisory committee or grantmaking committee meets to review grants.
- Consider determining a minimum and maximum amount you will fund and include this on the grant guidelines or application.
- Make sure applicants are aware of what types of programs or organizations *you will not fund*. This is just as important as providing information on the programs that fit your criteria.
- For ease of sharing grant applications or other review documents with your committee, consider using Google Docs. This allows several users to work in one document or view multiple documents at one time.

For additional ideas and planning tools, please check out the [Guide to Effective Grantmaking](#). This is a comprehensive resource developed by the ICoF for community foundations and more specifically those granting County Endowment Fund Program dollars in their communities.

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine holds grants ceremony.](#)

[The Omaha Community Foundation/Community Foundation of Southwest Iowa, is part of a large philanthropic network in the Omaha area.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation recently approved over \\$5 million in grants to their community.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Quad Cities Flooding Response

The Quad Cities Community Foundation opened the [Quad Cities Disaster](#)

Organizations Active in Disasters). If your foundation has opened a fund or is providing funding to support disaster relief and recovery, please [notify the ICoF](#).

Rural Philanthropic Analysis

The Rural Philanthropic Analysis Project (RPAP) at Campbell University and supported in part by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, published four field studies representing a powerful collection of stories and lessons to inform the national discussion about rural philanthropy. These studies represent a powerful collection of stories and lessons to inform the practice of rural philanthropy. Importantly, they document how philanthropy and community can work closely together in respectful and forward-looking ways toward supporting rural vitality. The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and their affiliates are [highlighted in this Northeast Iowa Report](#).

New Online Philanthropy Tool

A new philanthropy portal is being created to help rural nonprofits identify healthcare funding opportunities. A federal agency and national association have commissioned a toolkit to help groups raise more money for rural health-related projects. [Learn more here](#).

Washington Snapshot

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

Philanthropy Career Center

Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa is seeking applicants for the following positions:

- Development Director
- Marketing and Communications Manager

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

- AmeriCorps Program Officer;
- Communications and Engagement Officer;
- Senior National Service Program Officer;

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 about applying here!

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