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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

Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Tuesday, March 24 | 7:30 - 9 am | Iowa State Capitol Rotunda

Please join your community foundation colleagues from around the state as we gather at the State Capitol to talk about the important work of Iowa community foundations with legislators. [Invitations](#) have been distributed to all legislators. Here are a few ICoF resources to assist you with your outreach and conversations:

- [Community Foundations 2020 Legislative Talking Points](#)
- [Iowa Community Foundations Fact Sheet](#)
- [Endow Iowa Fact Sheet](#)
- [County Endowment Fund Program Fact Sheet](#)

Register here!

Community Foundations Legal Training with the Council on Foundations

Tuesday, May 12 | Quad Cities Community Foundation | Bettendorf, IA
\$50 per Iowa community foundation participant

to be added to a wait list, please [contact us](#).

[Read full event details here!](#)

***Registration now open!* Growing Endowed Funds: Everything You Need to Know to Grow Assets for Your Community's Future**

Tuesday, June 2 | 10 am - 3 pm | Grinnell Mutual Insurance Office | Grinnell, IA

Each county in Iowa is fortunate to have leaders like you working on behalf of their community foundation. You do the important work of connecting with donors, businesses, and nonprofit agencies to establish funds for specific charitable causes and missions - the heart of community foundation work! Complementary strategies can also be used to grow unrestricted endowment funds. These endowments can support community foundation operations or be used to invest in emerging priorities in a specific community, county, or region. If you want to learn more about how to grow your foundation and strengthen your community through an endowment building or endowment match campaign, this session is designed for you!

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Spring Capacity Building Grants: *Pre-Applications Due Today*

The first step in the Spring Capacity Building Grants Cycle is to submit a Pre-Application. This Pre-Application has been available since February 3 and is **due today, March 2 by 5 pm**. Once your Pre-Application has been reviewed you will receive feedback from ICoF staff and, if approved, the full grant application to complete and submit **by March 30**.

[View grant guidelines and submit your Pre-Application here!](#)

CF Stories Blog

County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, shares about strategic County Endowment Fund Program grants they use to support key priorities in their county.

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

Learning Opportunities

CF United Conference

April 5 - 7 | Detroit, MI

The 2020 CF United Conference creates the space to discover the role you and your organization play in harnessing the Power of Place. Designed as an immersive experience for all professionals within the community foundation field, the goal of the conference is to facilitate dialogue among peers that will enable you to innovate, lead, collaborate, and engage.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

National Standards Monthly Conference Call

Second Wednesday of each month | 12 pm | Next call is March 11

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!](#)

Peer Pointers

This section of the CF Snapshot features short descriptions of positive work

Each quarter, the ICoF hosts a Peer-Learning Call on a topic of interest to community foundation staff, board members, and volunteers. The first quarter featured Stacy Van Gorp in a webinar focused on good grantmaking practices to effectively support your grantseekers, grantees, and nonprofit partners. You can [view the webinar here](#).

The Peer Learning Call Series has featured a wide variety of topics including communications, community leadership, professional advisor outreach, and many more. These recordings and webinars provide an opportunity for convenient learning. You can listen anytime, anywhere. Consider sharing the link with board or advisory committee members on a topic that is of interest to your CF. [View the PLC Archives here](#).

Community Foundations in the News

[Twenty-one nonprofits receive grants from the Community Foundation of Carroll County.](#)

[Governor Reynolds visits Muscatine to learn more about Fueling the Future Pilot Project co-funded by the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine.](#)

[The Pottawattamie County Community Foundation is expanding and renovating its offices with gift from a local private foundation.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

New Child Care Ready Fast Track Program

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) is a program to support quality child care throughout Iowa. Over the last 5 years, Iowa has lost 37% of our child care providers. Communities across Iowa are looking for solutions to help their communities increase quality child care. Child Care Ready is a new statewide solution to assist child care providers. This training is being offered by CCR&R as well as state partners that include IowaWorks, Early Childhood of Iowa, the Iowa Women's Foundation, Iowa community foundations, and well as many community colleges.

requirements to work in child care in Iowa, discussion of potential pathways for a career in early childhood, and additional resources and supports. A small philanthropic investment can help make these trainings possible. If you are interested in learning more about how to bring this program to your community or county, [contact your local CCR&R Community Development Specialist](#).

Grant Opportunity from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs arts and cultural grants and designation opportunities are open for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Application deadlines begin March 1 and run through June 1 for grants, fellowships, and other opportunities relating to history, historic preservation, arts, film/media, and community development programs. [Learn more here](#).

Iowa Grocers Association Grant Opportunity

The Iowa Grocery Industry Association is accepting applications for its Build with Bags community grants. The Build with Bags program awards grants of up to \$2,000 for purchases of picnic tables, park benches, planters, and playground equipment made of recycled plastic. The IGIA works with Plastic Recycling of Iowa Falls to supply the recycled products. [Learn more here](#).

Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation Rethink Your Drink Grant Opportunity

Schools across Iowa have the opportunity to receive a new water bottle filling station through the Rethink Your Drink program, funded by the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation. Since 2017, 258 schools have received water bottle filling stations which impacts more than 134,700 students and staff members. Selected schools will have an old drinking fountain replaced with a new Elkay water fountain/bottle filling station and also receive water bottles and toothbrushes for all students and staff. [Learn more here](#).

Stelter Webinar Available on Tax Acts Impacting Charitable Giving

The SECURE Act and Beyond: What It Means for Charitable Giving is a webinar presented by Stelter and available free of charge to interested persons. To access the webinar recording, you will be asked to provide your basic contact information and then provided a link to the recording and handouts. [Access the webinar here](#).

Educational Justice and Sustainability for Rural Schools

The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University

opportunity. The brief describes the rural education landscape, highlights longstanding challenges, and describes the central role of schools in rural community life. They also offer several recommendations for grantmakers.

Career Center Postings

To view the most up-to-date career postings for positions in philanthropy throughout the state, please visit the ICoF's [Career Center](#) page.

Washington Snapshot

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

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