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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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## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### Community Foundations Boot Camp

Beginning July 28 | 10 am | Zoom Webinar

ICoF, in partnership with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance, is pleased to provide the Community Foundations Boot Camp this summer - virtually! The purpose of the Boot Camp is to provide an overview of the structure and operations of a community foundation. This training is open to host and affiliate staff, contractors, board and advisory committee members, and volunteers. The Boot Camp will be offered over a three-week period covering:

- CF Overview & Governance (July 28, 10 am - 12:30 pm)
- Fund Management (July 30, 10 am - noon)
- Asset Development (August 4, 10 am - noon)
- Finance & Investments (August 6, 10 am - noon)
- Grantmaking & Community Leadership (August 11, 10 am - noon)
- Operational Sustainability & CF Lifecycles (August 13, 10 am - noon)

The Boot Camp is designed to be an intensive dive into all functions of a community foundation. We recommend that you plan to attend each session live, but if you do have to miss a topic, a recording of that session will be made

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We hope this will add additional value to your online learning experience.

Registration is open now through 5 pm on July 20.

- \$100 per participant - Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates
- \$250 per participant - Community Foundation outside of Iowa

*\*Invoices will be sent once the registration period closes.*

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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## Connect Conference Registration Opening Soon

The 2020 Connect Community Foundations Conference will be offered in a virtual series this year. The conference will span over a two-week period with various offerings for conference participants on specific days beginning September 22. We will again be offering separate sessions for Host and Affiliate audiences. We are finalizing a few program details and will open registration soon via an electronic communication. Stay tuned for more!

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## COVID-19 Response Resources Available

The ICoF has created a hub for the philanthropic response to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the state of Iowa. This site includes a Response Fund listing as well as resources available to assist funders in their response efforts. If you have opened a fund that is not on the list, please let us know.

[Learn more here!](#)

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## August Peer Learning Call **Cancelled**

With a number of ICoF virtual offerings scheduled for July and August and then the virtual Connect Conference in September, we have decided to cancel the

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## CF Stories Blog

This month our guest blog is from Dave Daughton, Board Member of the Wayne Community Foundation, an affiliate of the South Central Iowa Community Foundation. Dave shares about a collaborative effort to address a housing shortage in their area by leveraging funding from multiple sources.

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

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## Learning Opportunities

### **Making it Stick: From Disaster Response to Long-Term Institutional Change**

Tuesday, July 14 | 10 -11:30 am | Zoom | FREE | Hosted by: *ICoF*

At a time of crisis and change, philanthropy is responding to community needs in an unprecedented way. Foundations are unrestricting grants, listening and responding to urgent needs, seeking out emerging efforts to support, and even increasing their payouts. Not coincidentally, many of these disaster response tactics are core principles of trust-based philanthropy, which takes an intentional, sustained approach to addressing the inherent power imbalances between nonprofits and funders. The question, however, remains: As more and more foundations see the value in trusting the leadership and guidance of nonprofits on the frontlines, will these trust-based practices sustain for the long haul? And what is the work of foundation executives and trustees in paving the way for a trust-based future?

In this session, hosted in partnership with the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project, we'll hear from the CEO and Board Chair of the Headwaters Foundation in Montana who have intentionally built a trust-based culture within their organization and throughout its grantmaking practices. We'll hear from them about the work of building and operationalizing a trust-based culture, the ongoing dialogue it requires, and how that can inform the roles and responsibilities of CEOs and trustees.

**COVID-19: Support for Mental Health, Bereavement and Grief**

Tuesday, July 14 | 1-2 pm | Webinar | FREE | Hosted by: *COF and CDP*

With COVID-19 there seem to be more questions than answers, particularly for funders who want to respond effectively and efficiently. The Council on Foundations and Center for Disaster Philanthropy are hosting this webinar series, which brings expert panelists together to address some of the most pressing issues, including getting money out the door quickly, supporting vulnerable populations and investing in local communities.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

**Strategic Use of IT for Community Foundation Success**

Wednesday, July 15 | 1-2 pm | Webinar | FREE | Hosted by: *COF*

Designed to inform foundation execs as well as IT leaders on the strategic role technology can play in your organization's roadmap. Learn how a strategic IT roadmap from technology selection and implementation to internal governance and process design can play a strategic part in your organization's future.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

**Iowa Arts Summit**

Friday, August 7 | 8:30 am - 4 pm | Virtual | Hosted by: *Iowa Arts Council*

Advance registration \$15, Registration Day of Event \$20

The biennial Iowa Arts Summit features dynamic breakout sessions with presentations by leading state and national voices in the arts. Hear from Iowa's most creative minds and learn how they are transforming their organizations and communities. Experience pop up art and live music by Iowa artists along with the presentation of the Governor's Arts Awards.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

The Iowa Rural Summit brings together community leaders, resource and service providers to share best practices, new ideas and opportunities for collaboration. The 2020 Virtual Rural Summit will feature keynote addresses from Brooklyn, Iowa, native *Steve Siemens* and Atlantic-native *David Williamson*. Teams of **up to five people** can now register.

[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](#).

Many Iowa community foundations and affiliates are working to support diversity, equity and inclusion in their communities. It may be challenging to determine "where to start?" based on the specific needs in your community. For some, a starting place is creating a DEI policy for their organization. Some example policies can be found in our [Colleague Inquiries section here](#).

Recently, among other community foundations in the state, the **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine** [announced their Racial Justice Fund](#), created to advance racial justice, equity, and inclusion across Muscatine and Louisa Counties. Anyone may donate to this fund and have their dollars doubled through a \$25K matching pledge by the CFGM. Funds will be granted to qualified, charitable organizations whose work acts as an accelerator to reduce barriers towards achieving racial justice and is centered on uplifting the most marginalized in their service area. To ensure they move forward collectively, and address a broad range of opportunities, priority will be given:

- to grants that are collaborative across a networked alliance
- to grants that connect multiple issues or communities
- to applicant organizations/networks who are led by people of color

We compiled this list of resources that are available on the ICoF website to support your learning and understanding of racial equity and DEI.

- [NCRP's Power Moves Guide + Tools to Advance Equity and Inclusion](#)
  - [GrantCraft's \*Deciding Together: Shifting Power and Resources through Participatory Grantmaking\*](#)
  - [GEO's Smarter Grantmaking Series Resources](#)
  - [D5 Coalition's Report on DEI Funding and Engagement Strategies](#)
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## Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa](#) awards more than \$375K in grants in Black Hawk County.

The [Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation's Safe, Equitable, and Thriving Communities](#) program adjusts due to COVID-19.

The [Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation](#) collaborates with partners to hold racial equity fund that will match first \$30K in gifts.

The [Pottawattamie County Community Foundation](#) announces new ISU scholarship fund with donation of century farm.

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### USDA Federal Rural Resource Guide

The United States Department of Agriculture released the [COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#), which provides information about federal programs to assist rural communities throughout pandemic response and recovery.

### Career Center Postings

The following community foundation positions have been posted:

- **Story County Community Foundation - Executive Director, Ames, IA, Full-Time**
- **Quad Cities Community Foundation - Vice President of Finance, Bettendorf, IA, Full-Time**

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## Washington Snapshot

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

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