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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

### Connect Community Foundations Virtual Conference

Beginning September 22 | 10 am | Zoom | **Registration closes September 15.**

ICoF's Annual Connect Community Foundations Virtual Conference will be held September 22-23 and September 29-30 via Zoom. Join colleagues from around the state to learn from regional and national experts about trends in philanthropy and best practices for community 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.

Please register as soon as you are able. Having a good sense of attendance numbers will help our team create interactive elements to support your learning.

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## Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund Announced

**eligibility requirements listed below. There is potential for the current funding to extend beyond this initial eligibility. If a nonprofit does not begin an initial application they will not be notified/invited to complete a full application, if eligibility is expanded in the future. Further, adding as many nonprofits to the queue as possible will help us demonstrate the full need of the nonprofit sector and build the case for additional support through the Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund and/or future nonprofit relief programs from both the state and federal levels. Thank you for your help!**

Volunteer Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced today the launch of the [Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund](#), an extension of the Iowa Small Business Relief Grant Program.

The program will provide short-term relief to nonprofit organizations that have seen reduced revenue and/or increased costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible nonprofits may be awarded a grant of up to \$25,000, based on income, expenses, outstanding obligations and other state and federal assistance received. The program has \$10 million available, which was allocated through federal CARES Act funds.

Initially eligible nonprofits must be a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(6) or 501(c)(19), be based in Iowa and have:

- Experienced a documented, involuntary loss of revenue and/or increase in expenses that occurred after March 1, 2020 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Annual operating budget of more than \$25,000
- Twenty-five or fewer full-time equivalent employees
- A primary mission to serve the program's priority service populations

For more information on eligibility and assistance or to apply, visit [iowabusinessrecovery.com](http://iowabusinessrecovery.com).

Applications will be reviewed in the order received and awarded on a first come, first ready to process basis. Applications will be accepted until August 14 at 5 pm or until funds have been exhausted.

Questions regarding the Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund can be addressed by calling 515.348.8897 (toll free: 855.854.2440).

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## CF Stories Blog

Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, blogs this month about some of the key benefits she has found to a virtual learning experience.

[Read the blog here!](#)

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## Learning Opportunities

### Virtual Iowa Rural Summit

August 20 - 21 | Webinar | \$150 | Hosted by: *Iowa Rural Development Council*

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!](#)

### Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

October 26 - 27 | Online | \$399

The Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations, hosted by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations, is tailored but not limited to small-staffed and volunteer-led community foundations in rural, small urban, and suburban America. It is designed to meet the needs of both new and seasoned board members and staff in practical training to enhance skills in all major areas of CF management. This year, you can participate virtually.

[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](#).

As social distancing continues, it may be challenging to keep your communities engaged with your work. Some organizations are making routine phone calls or FaceTime visits with donors to ensure they know the work of their CF is continuing. Others are making in-person "porch visits", staying 6-feet apart but making sure they are staying connected.

Another opportunity for keeping your community informed is to utilize social media. The **Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's** Jason Neises, Community Development Coordinator, has been utilizing Facebook for several months to showcase their affiliate communities. Most of the communities featured have participated in a program administered through CFGD called [Community Heart & Soul](#), a community engagement process that reconnects people with what they love most about their town.

Nearly every week Jason interviews various community leaders (healthcare workers, economic developers, school counselors, etc.). These [Rural Resilience](#) interviews keep community members informed and engaged in a new way. Jason reflects, "Some of the videos have been viewed almost 2,000 times, so it's been a nice way to spread the word about the good work being done in our rural communities. Most of the interviews have been "regular" folks who have stepped up to help in a time of crisis. Through the Heart & Soul process communities usually identify "people" as one of their biggest assets, so this is a way to showcase some of these remarkable individuals and hopefully inspire people in other communities to step up and help. I've selected people based mostly on the relationships I've built in Heart & Soul towns, but we've also been trying to find people who are working on current issues in rural towns like food insecurity, mental health, systemic racism, energy equity, etc."

Consider some of the ideas noted above or check out this [article](#) that details additional ways to stay connected, while staying apart.

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## Community Foundations in the News

[grants to assist with COVID-19 relief](#)

[The Okoboji Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, hires new Executive Director](#)

[The Womens Fund of Southwest Iowa at the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation awards \\$48K in grants](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors Release Impact Investing Handbook

The Handbook comes at a pivotal moment. In the midst of urgent social, economic and environmental challenges, a rapidly changing climate, growing economic inequity, and broader realization of systemic impacts of racism, more investors are seeking to better understand the positive and negative consequences of how they deploy capital. There is a growing realization among those who seek to influence society that they can use more of their assets to complement and even accelerate their social impact goals. [Learn more here.](#)

### New Rural Economic Development Network Available

The Rural Ideas Network is a new project that is taking information on supporting rural entrepreneurs and sharing it with communities & stakeholders across the state/country. Their official public launch will be announced later but you can join their network for free now. You can join [here](#) to learn more about this new offering in rural economic development and philanthropy.

### 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 - Administrative Assistant, Bettendorf, IA, Full-Time**

To view all career postings for positions in philanthropy throughout the state, please visit the [Career Center](#).

### Washington Snapshot

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