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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.

2020 Connect Conference Recap and Resources

Last week we concluded the 2020 Connect Community Foundations Virtual Conference. Community Foundations and affiliates from across the state came together to learn about: how community foundations have been responding to the pandemic, how to foster equity through trust-based philanthropy, how to strengthen board development, and much more! You can access the recordings and supporting materials [here](#).

As a reminder, [Idea Implementation Grant Applications](#) are **due by 5 pm on October 19** for those community foundations who had two or more people participate in Connect. Here is a quick list of ideas that might be helpful as you think about applying:

- Creating a Board Development or Leadership Plan using the Tarnside Curve or other resources from Susan Howlett;
- Developing a plan to connect with donors virtually, in one-on-one gatherings while social distancing, or via creative marketing strategies;
- Utilizing social media or other media outlets to share your CF's mission and goals; or
- Investing in technology to increase your ability to connect with donors and respond to grantees.

If you have not done so already, please [complete the Connect Evaluation here](#).

Upcoming Trainings & Events

November Peer Learning Call: Donor Development in a Pandemic

November 11, 2020 | 10 am | Zoom

This conversation will feature community foundations and affiliates that are engaging with their donors during this time of social distancing. We will learn from colleagues who've found unique ways to connect with their donors to continue building relationships - even from a distance. We will also hear from last year's idea implementation grant recipients who had planned to implement the 52 Cups of Coffee concept that originated at the 2019 Connect Conference. We will hear how they altered their plans this year.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Foundant User Group Training

November 10, 2020 | 1- 4 pm | Zoom

ICoF has partnered with Foundant to offer this virtual training to Foundant GLM and SLM users in our network. This session will provide you with information on using the system and allow you to ask questions of the trainer.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Fall Capacity Building Pre-Applications Available

The Capacity Building Grants Program supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities which increase their ability for sustainable endowment growth/building. These grants provide community foundations with support to implement projects or programs necessary to enhance their organizational capacity and address important issues of fund development and effectiveness. For the Fall 2020 and Spring

the pandemic. The first step is submitting a [Pre-Application](#) by **5 pm October 26**. You can view the full timeline and grant guidelines [here](#). The Spring cycle will open in February 2021.

CF Stories Blog

This month, Tam Elerding, Program Director, Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, shares about what she learned at the Connect Conference.

[Read the blog here!](#)

Colleague Inquiry

The following colleague inquiry responses have recently been updated in our Knowledge Center:

- [Confidentiality Policies](#)

Please [let us know](#) if you would like us to collect responses to questions or compile resources/templates from your peers across the state.

[Archived Colleague Inquiries](#)

Learning Opportunities

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!](#)

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](#).

The Connect Conference featured a conversation on Trust-Based Philanthropy. During the session, Rachel Rockwell and Karla Twedt-Ball from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation shared how they have been embracing trust-based principles as they work to advance equity in their community. Here are some session highlights:

- Trust-based philanthropy centers around proactively addressing power imbalances between funders and grantees to foster relationships that allow for deeper learning, understanding and ultimately, more effective organizations and outcomes.
- The six principles of TBP include:
 - Give Multi-Year Unrestricted Funding
 - Do the Homework
 - Simplify & Streamline Paperwork
 - Be Transparent & Responsive
 - Solicit & Act on Feedback
 - Offer Support Beyond the Check
- The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation supports TBP and equity through their [SET \(Safe, Equitable, Thriving\) Fund](#).

support your board or advisory committee in this work. We know that many community foundations are already implementing trust-based practices in Iowa!

Community Foundations in the News

[The Fort Dodge Community Foundation and United Way recently received a \\$10K Coronavirus Relief Fund Employer Innovation Fund grant.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation receives nearly \\$500K grant to curb violence in the community.](#)

[The Quad Cities Community Foundation awards grants to 27 nonprofits through Field of Interest grant program.](#)

[The Waterloo Community Foundation First Responders Fund received surpasses fundraising goal to assist police, fire and healthcare workers.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Iowa Leadership Exchange

The first-ever Iowa Leadership Exchange 2020 will be held virtually October 21-22. The new event is supported by the Growing Rural Iowa Task Force to help existing programs grow and assist a statewide network of program leaders. The Leadership Exchange is designed for rural leadership program directors to share best practices to renew and improve existing programs. [Learn more here.](#)

Career Center Postings

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

Washington Snapshot

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

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