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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.

## Peer Learning Calls

Each year ICoF hosts the quarterly Peer Learning Call Series, an opportunity for community foundation host and affiliate staff and/or board members to learn from others in the field. Each quarter features a different topic and peers who want to share their experiences, best practices and sometimes pitfalls to avoid related to that call's topic. As we begin finalizing our plans for 2021 PLC's, we are interested in learning about topics that are of interest to you and your organization. Please email [Michele Walstrom](#) to share any topic ideas you'd like to discuss on an upcoming Peer Learning Call!

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## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### Legal Training with the Council on Foundations - *Final dates!*

*Training:* February 9 | Noon – 3 pm & February 10 | Noon - 3 pm

*Optional Q&A + Review of Content:* February 11 | 1 - 2:30 pm

\$50 per participant for Iowa Community Foundations

Led by the Council on Foundations Legal Team and Brad Ward, Lead Strategist of Community Philanthropy, this workshop is flexibly organized to ensure that your broad legal questions for administering funds, grants, and community foundation activities are addressed. The legal team will provide technical and

Throughout the workshop, sessions will be curated with the help of insight gleaned from the Council's top-notch legal team that interacts with nearly 2,000 foundation leaders each year, as well as trends spotted by their broader team, including the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, a supporting organization of the Council. It will be timely, relevant, and a deeper dive than the basics, surfacing critical insights and expertise to advance your knowledge of the community foundation inner workings -- from administration to governance and donor stewardship to grantmaking. To register:

1. Please use [Legal Matters for Community Foundations, Virtual February 2021](#), to login and start your registration. If you do not already have a COF login, you'll need to create one first to be able to proceed with the registration process. A new login can be created from the registration page by following the prompts.
2. Once logged in you will be asked if you are registering yourself, or a colleague; make your selection and click *Next*.
3. Under the “**I will be attending as...**” section please select **IA Council**, which will then ask you to provide a passcode. The passcode is **LM20IA21**. Click *Next*.
4. Confirm or edit badge information and answer registration questions. Click *Checkout*.
5. Review your cart, and make sure the registration fee is **\$50**.
6. Complete your checkout with provided payment options.
7. If you encounter any issues please contact the Council on Foundations at [educate@cof.org](mailto:educate@cof.org).

Refunds/Cancellations: *all registration cancellations must be submitted in writing to [educate@cof.org](mailto:educate@cof.org). All cancellation refunds prior to January 9, 2021 will incur a 25% administrative fee per registration. No refunds will be provided after January 9, 2021.*

[Learn more and register here!](#)

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## CF Stories Blog

This month, ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell reflects on 2020 changes and

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Read the blog here!

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## Learning Opportunities

### **GEO: Leadership in Turbulent Times**

December 8 | 11 am | Webinar

In this virtual roundtable, co-hosted by Keecha Harris and Associates and GEO, panelists will discuss strategies grantmakers should continue to pursue in response to the dual pandemic of COVID-19 and racism in America and emerging approaches that are needed at this critical juncture.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

### **GEO: Participation and Power in Philanthropy**

December 9 | 1 pm | Webinar

Join GEO and their guest speakers for a conversation that will explore the challenges that philanthropy faces about inclusiveness, ownership and engaging the communities we seek to impact.

[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](#).*

During the November Peer Learning Call, several colleagues shared examples of how they've been able to effectively continue their donor development work during the pandemic. Here are some call highlights:

affiliates, are taking this time to reach out to donors regarding estate planning. They've found that with donors at home so much now, they have the time to consider this type of gift and it is easier to reach them and have discussions remotely. CFGD began working with donors prior to the pandemic utilizing a third-party to host lunch and learns with donors they had identified. The pandemic has provided them with an opportunity for follow up and good conversations (virtually) with those that they had already planted the idea with.

- The **Siouxland Community Foundation** recently hosted their annual Siouxland Big Give. This event is a 24-hour day of giving. This year they broke the previous year's record by raising \$120,000 for local nonprofits. This year they partnered with a local radio station and Hy-Vee locations in their community to promote the day of the event. They also utilized social media by asking their nonprofit partners to like and share photos from the SCF page of check presentations throughout the year. This increased followers to their page on the day of the event as well.
- To continue meeting needs in their community and connecting with donors, the **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation** used their creative thinking. Because restaurant delivery services had increased, PCCF partnered with local businesses to include a flyer about giving to the foundation in restaurant to-go bags. Donna Dostal, PCCF President, also hosted individual donor meet ups in her back yard during the summer to allow for connecting with donors, while social distancing. Finally, they hosted virtual check presentations to continue promoting their good work and posted it on their social media pages.

If you would like to learn more about these ideas and others, please access the recording of the call [here](#). As a reminder, the past four years of PLC recordings are accessible on the ICoF website. These recordings are from past topics on marketing and communication, best practices in grantmaking and so much more. Be sure to check out the [PLC page](#) on the ICoF website anytime.

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## Colleague Inquiries

The following colleague inquiries have been recently submitted:

- Do you provide proportionate benefits or PTO/holiday time to part-time staff? If so, would you share your policy?

continue our racial equity efforts.

Please [send your responses](#) by **COB December 11**.

Archived Colleague Inquiries

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## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Johnson County recently announced more than \\$500K in Community Recovery grant awards.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation funds revolving loan fund for homeowners impacted by derecho damage.](#)

[The Siouxland Community Foundation recently received a \\$1M gift to fund scholarships at a local high school.](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### Update on Endow Iowa Program

The most recent update provided by IEDA indicates there are \$1.2M available in remaining 2021 tax credits.

### Grant Application Available

The UI College of Public Health's Business Leadership Network (BLN) Community Grant Program supports programs and activities that build collaborations and support community well-being. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to Iowa nonprofits and local government entities. The grant program funds, in conjunction with an equal cash or in-kind match from another organization, will be used for public health-related initiatives and projects in the recipient communities. [Proposals are due January 13. Learn more here.](#)

### Grantmaking Equity Framework

Beginning in 2019, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation, Hamilton County Community Foundation and Women's Fund of Central Indiana vowed to make their communities places

[framework](#) they will use beginning in 2021. You can also access this [Connect session](#) where the work of the CICF was highlighted during *Embracing Trust-Based Philanthropy to Advance Equity in your Organization and Community*.

### Washington Snapshot

To access the most recent edition of Washington Snapshot from the Council on Foundations, please click [here](#).

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