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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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## Today's Deadlines

### **Spring Capacity Building Grant Pre-Applications**

Pre-Applications are due today by 5 pm. Once your Pre-Application has been reviewed, you will receive feedback from ICoF staff and the full grant application to complete and submit by April 2. [Please consider applying today!](#)

### **Connect Conference Session 2: Community Foundations Boot Camp**

*Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance*

Begins March 30 | 12 – 2:30 pm | Cost: \$100\*

The Community Foundation Boot Camp is a virtual training program designed to provide participants with an overview of the structure and operations of a community foundation. Community foundations are unique and complex organizations and IPA has designed this training to be an intensive dive into all functions of a community foundation. The program is offered in six sessions scheduled over three weeks and it is recommended that you plan to join each session live. Sessions will be from 12 - 2:30 pm on March 30, April 1, April 6, April 8, April 13 and April 15.

Iowa community foundations are being subsidized through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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## Conversations with Legislators

Each year the ICoF hosts a Legislative Breakfast in March at the State Capitol to bring community foundation leaders and legislators together to talk about the important work you are doing. This year, due to the pandemic, there will not be an in-person event, but you are still encouraged to reach out to your local legislators and talk with them about the impacts your community foundation is making in your area. ICoF has developed the following resources to help you support these conversations.

- [Spring 2021 Legislative Talking Points](#)
  - [2021 Endow Iowa Fact Sheet](#)
  - [2021 County Endowment Fund Program Fact Sheet](#)
  - [Iowa Community Foundations Fact Sheet](#)
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## IEDA Small Business & Nonprofit Recovery Survey

The Iowa Economic Development Authority is once again partnering with the University of Northern Iowa to undertake a survey to assess the current impacts of the pandemic on Iowa's businesses and nonprofits. Please forward this link to nonprofits within your networks. IEDA will use the information collected to inform its public policy and programming in response to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic on Iowa. The deadline is 5 pm on March 17.

[Take the Survey](#)

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## Upcoming Trainings & Events

*Featuring Nebraska Community Foundation & Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque*

Tuesday, April 27 | 10 – 11:30 am

Community foundations of every size, at some point, need to think about how to support its community for the long term. One of the most effective ways to do this is through endowment building. But how do you get started? What are the steps to a successful strategy? How do you explain the importance of endowments to people in your community?

Plan to attend this session to learn more about how to build a successful endowment campaign in your community. You will learn from our partners to the west, the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) about their Homegrown Grown Challenge endowment-building model. The NCF affiliates have had great success in building endowments all across their state, in communities both large and very small, rural and urban. We will also learn about how the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and their affiliates are implementing this concept in their communities this spring. Join us to learn from the experts on how to grow unrestricted, endowed funds for the long-term benefit of Iowa communities.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

**COVID-19 Philanthropy: Measuring One Year of Giving**

*Presented by the Center for Disaster Philanthropy with several co-sponsors*

Thursday, March 11 | 1 – 2 pm | Free

The COVID-19 global pandemic defined 2020, and it will continue to impact much of the world in the foreseeable future. How did grantmakers and donors respond as communities worldwide struggled – especially Black, Indigenous and people of color as well as other populations that have been systemically marginalized and underserved – amid the pandemic's impact on livelihoods, health, education and more?

In August 2020, the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) and Candid released Philanthropy and COVID-19 in the First Half of 2020. On March 3 they will be releasing an updated report examining a year of disaster giving to the worst pandemic in over 100 years.

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## CF Stories Blog

This month, former ICoF Board Chair and former CEO of the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation Jerry Mathiasen shares the importance of public service and the many ways to get involved at your local or county level.

[Read the blog 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](#).*

In January, the ICoF launched a new training video series for Iowa community foundations. These short videos are for CF and affiliate boards and advisory committees to assist in ongoing training and professional development.

This video series has been timely for the **Dyersville Area Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**. Their board recently began a process to identify new leadership for their board. After watching the first video, [Smart Strategies for Advisory Committee and Board Member Recruitment](#), with her board, Michelle Grover, Coordinator for DACF, shared:

*"It went over very well. There were several responses [from board members] that they enjoyed the video and that it was informative. It was very relevant for us right now because we are looking to replace a board member. We had good discussion on what we should be looking for based off of the video suggestions. And the smart strategies handout with the matrix was helpful and something we will continue to use in the future."*

Each video has a complementary tool that board and committee members can complete at the meeting to accompany their learning and move the board members -- both individually and collectively -- to action on that specific topic.

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## Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Carroll County awards \\$136K in grants](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines saw a record amount of giving in 2020](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque publishes cultural resource guide for their community](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation partners with local tourism office on program to allow free admission to several area attractions](#)

[The Pottawattamie County Community Foundation's Women's Fund of Southwest Iowa announced grants to support women and children](#)

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## Articles & Items of Interest

### **Rural Community and Economic Development Webinar Recording**

Last week we kicked off the virtual 2021 Connect Conference Series. The first session featured three speakers talking about resources and programs to support rural Iowa communities. Access the resources and recording link [here](#).

**Rural Innovation Grants and Rural Housing Assessment Grants** are accepting applications. These two competitive funds have been allocated up to \$400K and are available for rural communities with a population under 20,000. If interested, please view [the press release](#) or check out their [website](#). Applications [due April 16](#).

### **Cleveland Foundation Announces New Racial Equity Initiatives**

The Cleveland Foundation has recently announced several initiatives to take their racial equity work internal and make changes to their own programming and investments. [Learn more here](#).

**Now Accepting Applications: The J.M.K. Innovation Prize**

years, plus \$25,000 for project expenses. The Prize is open to nonprofit and mission-driven for-profit organizations with game-changing projects or ideas in social justice/democracy, the environment, and heritage conservation. Click through to read more [about the process](#). Applications are due April 30.

### **Iowa Women's Foundation Announces New Micro Grants and CORE Grant Applications Available**

The Iowa Women's Foundation has announced its grant programs and deadlines. A new [micro grant program](#) will award small grants for immediate emergency needs in the IWF focus areas for Iowa's women and girls. Additionally, the organization's CORE grant applications may be submitted now through the last working day of April. [Learn more here](#).

### **The Wellmark Foundation's 2021 MATCH Grants**

The Wellmark Foundation is offering two competitive Matching Assets to Community Health (MATCH) grant opportunities in 2021. The MATCH grants are designed to support projects that provide access to healthy foods or create or enhance a safe environment to be physically active in. Small MATCH Grants (up to \$25K with 50% match) due May 26 Guidelines and important information are outlined in their [2021 Request for Applications](#).

### **Career Center Postings**

Highlighted job postings from the ICoF Career Center include:

- **Waterloo Community Foundation - Executive Director, Full-Time**

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

### **Washington Snapshot**

Access the most recent edition of Washington Snapshot from the Council on Foundations [here](#).

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