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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.



Connect Conference Series Session 3: Successful Endowment Building Campaign Models

Featuring Nebraska Community Foundation & Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Tuesday, April 27 | 10 – 11:30 am

At some point, community foundations of every size need to think about how to support their 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, urban

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!](#)

Connect Conference Series Session 4: Basics of Gift and Estate Planning

Presented in partnership with the Heaton Smith Group

Tuesday, May 18 | 9 – 11 am

Community foundations are uniquely able to help donors create meaningful legacies, often through estate planning. In this session, presenters will discuss how people make plans for their assets, the people close to them, and their charitable interests. Presenters will pay special attention to how you can inspire donors to include a community foundation in their estate plan. *This session has been designed for host, standalone and affiliate community foundations.*

[Learn more and register here!](#)

New Training Series Video + Tool Available

Earlier this year ICoF introduced a new training video series for Iowa community foundations. These short videos are for community foundation and affiliate boards and advisory committees to assist in ongoing training and professional development.

The third video is now available and features Shaady Salehi, Director of the Trust-Based Philanthropy Project. Shaady shares the core-values and principles of TBP in this video and the accompanying tool will help boards assess and define their path to incorporating TBP practices into the foundation's work. Access the [Trust-Based Philanthropy: Practice, Leadership, Culture & Values video here](#) and the [tool here](#).

Important Field Survey Now Open

The Council on Foundations' Grantmaker Salary and Benefits Survey provides the sector with the most comprehensive data on staff composition and compensation in

and more. [Through our partnership with United Philanthropy Forum and the Council on Foundations, ICoF members that complete the survey will have direct access to the benchmarking tool and full report.](#) Those who do not complete the survey but wish to obtain benchmark data later will need to [contact Kari](#). **The survey closes May 10.**

[Take the Survey](#)

Learning Opportunities

Leading Together 2021

Presented by the Council on Foundations

June 14-17 | Members: \$279 and Nonmembers: \$399

Leading Together remains the destination to engage in transformative conversations about how philanthropy can do our part to create a better world and earn the trust necessary to create real change. From June 14-June 17, 2021, the Council will bring together foundation and philanthropic leaders to connect on the critical issues concerning the sector. The conference will feature sessions with a focus on Seeking Common Ground, Advancing Equity, and Raising the Bar.

[Register here!](#)

CF Stories Blog

This month, ICoF President Kari McCann Boutell highlights a new field report and the role community foundations play in disaster philanthropy.

[Read the blog](#)

Peer Pointers

happening at community foundations and affiliates across Iowa. If you'd like more information about these topics, please [contact Michele](#).

This month, we highlight the importance of community foundations building relationships with community partners. Below are two of the many collaborative efforts between community foundations and local partners that have successfully met community needs during the pandemic and derecho response.

After a strong storm caused significant tree damage, the City of Williamsburg was able to temporarily borrow a wood chipper from the County but it was in need of repair. The City partnered with Iowa County Conservation and Iowa County Emergency Management to apply for a grant from the **Iowa County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa**. Just a few weeks after the wood chipper was repaired, the derecho impacted the community -- making this resource even more valuable! [Watch this video](#) from the City Manager for the full story!

The **Pottawattamie County Community Foundation** and the Iowa West Foundation jointly funded the Southwest Iowa COVID-19 Response Fund which recently provided grant funding to two local hospitals who collaborated on their funding request. Donna Dostal, President & CEO of PCCF, noted: "I think that is what makes this community unique, and this situation unique, When you have a situation that affects the entire community, for them [the hospitals] to put any business differences aside really does illustrate the collaborative nature of our community as a whole." [Read the full story here.](#)

Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines celebrates record-level giving in 2020.](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque recently hosted local leaders to talk about workforce diversity.](#)

[The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine recently held a luncheon to discuss their area's economic impact on affordable housing.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program Applications Now Available

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in startup funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns (population 2,500-30,000) to implement the Community Heart & Soul model. If interested, please check out their [website](#).

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.

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

The J.M. Kaplan Fund has launched the 2021 J.M.K. Innovation Prize, with 10 Prizes to be awarded, each including a cash award of \$150,000 over three 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. If interested, you can 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](#).

Career Center Postings

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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