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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 4: Basics of Gift and Estate Planning
Part I of a three-part series 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!](#)

Available

The Connect Community Foundations Conference Virtual Series is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their community and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. Community foundations who participate in one or more sessions during the series are eligible to apply for an Idea Implementation Grant. Requests can range from \$250-\$2,500 to support the foundation's efforts to implement an idea cultivated, developed or re-energized during a Connect Series Session. The application process is competitive; all requests may not receive funding. This year there will be two Idea Implementation Grant funding cycles:

- **Spring:** [Applications available TODAY](#) and due June 4 by 5 pm.
- **Fall:** Applications available October 15 and due November 15 by 5 pm.

Each community foundation is eligible to receive one grant in 2021.

[Learn more and download the grant application 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 the U.S. Grantmakers rely on this annual report to plan budgets, benchmark personnel policies and practices, determine salary levels for new and existing staff, 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](#). You do not have to be a COF member to participate. **The survey closes May 10.**

[Take the survey here!](#)

Learning Opportunities

May 14 | 12-1 pm | Free | Virtual

The American Rescue Plan provides significant opportunities for local school districts to invest in comprehensive after-school and summer learning programs that will help students reengage, reconnect, and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. In this webinar, schools and community partners will learn about the funding opportunities for afterschool that exist in the American Rescue Plan, the benefits of afterschool for youth, the components of a high-quality program, and how to start building a program in your own community. Learn more about the [Iowa Afterschool Alliance](#).

Zoom Meeting Registration

Investing in Communities of Color: Shifting Power for Racial Justice

Presented by Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation

May 17-18 | Cost: \$200-425 | Virtual

This two-day workshop will explore funding models that support people of color exercising governing power within community-based infrastructure. Attendees will have space to connect with a multiracial group of philanthropic practitioners who share a commitment to racial equity practice and cross-sector collaboration.

[Learn more and register here!](#)

Leading Together 2021

Presented by the Council on Foundations

June 14-17 | Members: \$279 and Non-members: \$399 | Virtual

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. 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.

[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](#).

When rural Manson's only grocery store closed its doors over a year ago, a determined group of citizens came together to find a way to open a new store. The Manson Grocery Store Committee formed and decided to create a nonprofit grocery store to fill the void in their community. They turned to the **Fort Dodge Community Foundation** to assist them with raising funds.

"Because we already had a relationship with the Manson community via other projects that we have supported, they trusted us," said Randy Kuhlman, CEO of the Fort Dodge Community Foundation. "They contacted me and asked for our assistance with the project. We handled all the processing of donations and all the back office work so the store committee only had to focus on the fundraising. We provided the store committee with ideas and tips on how to effectively raise funds and we administered a direct mail campaign for the project."

With the help of the community foundation, the committee was able to raise the majority of their \$200K goal for the store. The store is now open and serving the community! To see more [watch this video](#). If you'd like to learn more about the Fort Dodge Community Foundation's role, please [contact Randy](#).

Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Johnson County awards inaugural Partners in Philanthropy Grant.](#)

[The Foundation for the Future of Delaware County and partners launch program to support workforce recruitment.](#)

[The Pottawattamie County Community Foundation and partners host Do Good Week.](#)

Save the Date Iowa Nonprofit Summit: Building a Stronger Iowa Together

The annual Iowa Nonprofit Summit will take place virtually [October 5-7](#). The Iowa Council of Foundations is partnering with the Summit to offer sessions of interest to ICoF members and community foundations. [Save the date now](#) and watch for additional information in upcoming CF Snapshots!

Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program Applications Available

This 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. [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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