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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 5: Gift Planning Assets & Vehicles

Part II of a three-part series presented in partnership with the Heaton Smith Group

Tuesday, July 20 | 9 – 11 am

In this session, presenters will highlight the steps donors need to take to plan a gift. You will learn which assets make good gifts during a donor's life and how one can use a simple beneficiary form to create a meaningful philanthropic legacy. Presenters will also discuss how charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts and gift annuities can meet specific needs of donors. Case studies and stories will illustrate a suite of giving vehicles, which will enable you to discuss the benefits of specific gift vehicles with current donors and prospects in your respective communities.

This session has been designed for host and standalone community foundation staff who support fund development and planned giving conversations with donors.

ICoF Spring Capacity Building Grants Announced

Spring 2021 Capacity Building Grants were awarded to 6 community foundations and affiliates. Awards ranged from \$2,750 - \$15,000 supporting:

- Community Foundation of Des Moines County, an affiliate of the Keokuk Area Community Foundation: staffing capacity;
- Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: donor software system;
- Community Foundation of Louisa County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine: donor communications and marketing;
- Pocahontas County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines: staffing capacity and marketing;
- Quad Cities Community Foundation: donor data migration project; and
- Riverbluff Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque: staffing capacity and donor communications.

The [Capacity Building Grant Program](#) supports opportunities for qualified community foundations and their affiliates to engage in activities that increase their ability for sustainable endowment building and growth. Pre-applications for the Fall 2021 cycle will open on September 17.

Learning Opportunities

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.

Save the Date! **Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations**

Hosted by: Kansas Association of Community Foundations

October 13-15 | Cost: \$399 Virtual or \$699 In-Person

Join community foundation colleagues in person or online for the 2021 HYBRID Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations. This conference will explore the “heart” of effective community philanthropy. How can we better serve our communities by finding the common ground beyond divisions, heal past inequities, apply good leadership to grow and expand a healthy place to live, and take care of ourselves, staff, and community in the process? Throughout the conference there will be exploration of tried and true methods for this work, using measurable actions and stories from the field.

[Learn more 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](#).

Community foundations in Iowa are playing active community leadership roles in supporting various priorities. The **Community Foundation of Jackson County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque**, is working with a group of partners to raise funds (\$1.85M goal) for a facility at the fairgrounds that will combine operations for several groups that hadn't collaborated before. The Outreach Center will allow the partners to strengthen families, empower youth and grow their communities by expanding educational and training programs with a focus on health and nutrition, STEM and agriculture. It will also draw new programs and events to Jackson County, positively impacting their county's economic development.

The Together We Build Jackson County Fair and Extension Outreach Fund is now open and accepting gifts. Without the leadership of the CFJC in bringing

Community Foundations in the News

[The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine is supporting an effort to bring the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading to their area.](#)

[The Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation awards \\$5.3M in grants.](#)

[The Okoboji Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, announces 2021 grant recipients.](#)

[The Pottawattamie County Community Foundation awarded its first scholarships from the \\$5M endowment fund of a late local farmer.](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

USDA Announces Placemaking Grants for Rural America

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting applications under the Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge. The \$3M in grants is targeted to public or private groups, organizations, or institutions that can help rural communities create plans to enhance broadband access; preserve cultural and historical structures; and support transportation, housing, and recreational development. Interested parties can attend a [virtual workshop](#) on June 24. [Applications are due by July 26.](#)

***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!

Philanthropy and the City Series

The Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California recently completed a four-part, series exploring how philanthropy can work to solve problems in our neighborhoods/communities post-pandemic. [Access the series here.](#)

Career Center Postings

Community Foundation of Johnson County

Part-time | Coralville, IA

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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