



The *CF Snapshot* is a monthly e-newsletter for Iowa Community Foundations and Affiliates. If you have information you would like included, please [email us!](#)

Register Now: Connect Conference

Annual Connect Community Foundations Conference

Thursday, September 26 | 9 am - 4:30 pm | Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston

Join us to learn about trends in philanthropy and best practices for community foundations! This conference is designed to provide a framework for thinking about how local community foundations can create positive change in their region and give volunteers and staff an opportunity to learn from one another. This is a FREE opportunity sponsored through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Again this year, CFs that send at least two representatives to Connect will be eligible for mileage reimbursement (up to \$100 per CF). Attendees are also eligible to apply for Idea Implementation grant funding (up to \$2,500 per CF).

[Register Here](#)

Pre-Conference: A Brisk Walk through the Basics of Planned Giving®

Wednesday, September 25 | 9 am - 3:30 pm | Hilton Garden Inn | Johnston

This enriching, one-day seminar leads participants through the nuts and bolts of planned gift instruments. If you are new to planned giving, need a refresher, or are a development generalist, this seminar was made for you. Get an excellent overview of gift planning and the tools you need to make the most of it. Participants will:

- Gain a clear understanding of basic planned giving methods
- Understand the tax implications for planned giving
- Learn about the different gift vehicles available and when each is best

Now offering - CFRE: 5.25 credit hours

[Register Here](#)

Making the Most of the CEFP

As you prepare to grant your 2024 County Endowment Fund Program dollars, there is no better time to review your policies and practices. Please reference this [Maximizing Your CEFP Dollars](#) resource. The document also references our [Guide to Effective Grantmaking](#). As you navigate the allocation process, please do not hesitate to reach out and let us know how we can be helpful.

Please remember, it is important to THANK legislators for this investment and acknowledge how the CEFP program is funded. You can use this [sample press release](#) to announce the receipt of the funding and/or your grant distributions. This year you may also wish to make mention of the CEFP 20th Anniversary. You can review and borrow language about this from this [press release](#).

We also encourage you to consider raising funds for a disaster recovery fund for your county. Those that raise \$1,500 or more are eligible for a \$500 match through the DRF Matching Grants. While you can't use your CEFP grantmaking dollars for this match, your CEFP endowment payout dollars can count toward eligibility.

Disaster Recovery Fund Match Grants Available

Through participation in The Funders' Network's Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency, and Emergency Partnership (PPREP) cohort, the Iowa Council of Foundations has received funding to re-grant throughout the state. Our goal is to leverage this funding to support several community foundations by positioning them with seed money for their disaster recovery funds and to support future community needs. In August, we awarded match grants to:

- Community Foundation of Lyon County
- Community Foundation of Osceola County

Learn more about the Community Foundation Disaster Recovery Fund Matching Grant Program [here](#).

Transfer of Wealth Update

As counties continue to request their Transfer of Wealth reports, we will keep [our website](#) up-to-date with the created reports. If you would like to request a report for your county, please contact [Jenna](#).

On July 8, we officially launched our [5 for the Future](#) philanthropic initiative. As we see counties customizing their communications, we will share them in this monthly newsletter, which may spark ideas for your foundation.

Upcoming ICoF Events

[Legal Matters for Community Foundations](#)

Virtual Training: September 11-12, 2024, Noon-3:30 PM

\$100 per participant for Iowa Community Foundations*

Led by the Council's legal team this workshop is designed to answer your broad legal and practical questions on administering funds, grants, and community foundation activities. This live, participatory workshop will also provide technical and practical understanding of complex rules and regulations.

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 a timely and take on the basics that inform day-to-day business decisions and operations. To register:

1. Please use [Legal Matters for Community Foundations, September 2024](#), 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 **Iowa Council**, which will then ask you to provide a passcode. The passcode is **IALMCF2024S**. 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 **\$100**.
6. Complete your checkout with provided payment options.
7. If you encounter any issues, please contact the Council on Foundations at educate@cof.org.

*This cost is generously underwritten by the Iowa Community Foundation Initiative.

CF Boot Camp

Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Wednesday, November 13 - Friday, November 15 | 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. CFs 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 days and it is recommended that you plan to join each session live:

- Wednesday, November 13 | 9:30 am - Noon
- Wednesday, November 13 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Thursday, November 14 | 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Thursday, November 14 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Friday, November 15 | 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Friday, November 15 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Registration for Iowa community foundations is open now through 5 pm on November 5. You will be given the option to pay online or "Invoice Me." Further instructions are on the invoice screen for payment, and an invoice will be emailed to you if you click "Invoice Me."

*Registration costs for Iowa community foundations are being subsidized through the Iowa Community Foundations Initiative

[Learn More and Register](#)

Community Foundations in the News

[Cedar Falls Community Foundation](#) awards \$84k to nonprofits, child care facilities

Over \$235k awarded in local grants by [Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine](#)

[Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation](#) celebrates 75 years

Articles & Items of Interest

NOW OPEN: 2024 Iowa Leadership Bootcamp Applications

The Iowa Leadership Bootcamp Grant program provides training, mentorship, and funding to communities and regions initiating leadership programs. Grantees are required to participate in a half-day bootcamp (October 30 in Perry, Iowa) resulting in a work plan and a one-year mentorship. Applications are due by 11:59 pm, October 1. [More information is available here.](#)

2024 Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

Wichita, KS | October 16 – 18

They've added a lot of new content to the conference this year, including pre-conference sessions, more sessions and speakers, and great networking opportunities. Check out the conference website [here](#).

Career Center Postings

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

Washington Snapshot

The latest Washington Snapshot from Council on Foundations is available [here](#).



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