



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!](#)

2024 Connect Conference Recap & Resources

The 2024 Connect Community Foundations Conference was held on September 26. Content and supporting materials can be found [here](#). As a reminder, [Idea Implementation Grant Applications](#) are **due November 15** and available to CFs that attended Connect (or any of the Connect virtual series sessions in 2024).

Here is a quick list (not comprehensive) of some ideas you might consider for an Idea Implementation grant:

- Purchasing your localized Transfer of Wealth data;
- Hosting an event to explore launching a women's giving circle; or
- Hosting a professional advisor networking event.

If you have any questions before you submit your application, [contact Jenna](#).

New Tool!

At Connect, the ICoF team released a new tool - the [Guide to Effective Affiliate Advisory Committees](#), a companion to the [Guide to Effective Grantmaking](#). If you would like print copies of either guide, please [contact Jenna](#). In addition to the guides, we have created a [one pager](#) for increasing your affiliate's capacity by investing in staff.

IOWA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS INITIATIVE

GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE
**AFFILIATE ADVISORY
COMMITTEES**

*A resource guide of best practices collected from national research, regional
community foundation partners and Iowa community foundation leaders.*



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5 for the Future/Transfer of Wealth Update

At Connect, the ICoF team unveiled the [5 for the Future of Iowa video](#). We are also making a template available for you to make a local version of the video for your use. If you would like to customize the video with your local data, please [contact Laura](#).

As a reminder, reports specific to a particular county/region/geography may be commissioned separately. Community foundations can opt-in for these additional reports and will cover their own costs directly, as follows:

- \$250 for a summary report specific to an area (e.g. county)
- \$750 for a full technical report for an area

Custom reports can be requested at any time through November 30, 2024. Please contact [Jenna](#) to request.

Fall Capacity-Building Grants Timeline

Capacity-Building grants are available twice a year. These grants support opportunities for qualified CFs and their affiliates to engage in activities which increase their ability for sustainable endowment building/growth. [Pre-applications are now available](#). The timeline for the Fall cycle is:

- Pre-applications reviewed on a rolling basis through 5 pm on **October 15**
- Final applications are due by 5 pm on **November 15**
- Grant applicants will be notified of grant decisions by **December 1**

[Grant guidelines](#) and [2023 grant report forms](#) are available online.

Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant

The [Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant Program](#) application deadline is **November 15**. The ICoF team continues to monitor and notify CFs when the Governor declares a state of emergency in their county.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

CF Boot Camp

Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

Begins November 13 | 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 8. 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](#)

2024 Annual National Conference for Growing Community Foundations

Hosted by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations

October 16-18 | \$799 | Wichita, KS

The Conference is tailored for -- but not limited to -- small-staffed and volunteer-led community foundations in rural, small urban, and suburban America. It is designed to meet the needs of both new and seasoned board members and staff in practical training to enhance skills in all major areas of community foundation management. It offers deep practical learning, concrete ideas to walk away with, valuable connections, and know-how from those who do the community foundation work day-to-day.

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Public Policy Update

Taxing Nonprofits Proposed as Offset for Cost of TCJA Renewal

In June, a [white paper published](#) by the prominent conservative think tank the Tax Foundation called for reforming the tax-exempt status of 501(c)3's as a way to address the federal deficit and/or offset the cost of extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017, which is set to expire in 2025.

In a recent Ways and Means Committee hearing [continuing the committee's scrutiny of the sector](#), Rep. Greg Murphy (R-NC) [echoed the call for nonprofit tax reform](#) (video).

Community Foundations in the News

Lakin Foundation donates \$165M to [Community Foundation for Western Iowa](#)

[Community Foundation of Des Moines County](#) celebrates record year

[Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque](#) receives \$60k grant to address chronic absenteeism

Articles & Items of Interest

The 4th Annual Rural Leadership Exchange is Oct. 29 & 30

The event is designed for existing rural leadership program directors and managers to share best practices for expanding, renewing, and improving existing programs. Communities or organizations that are interested in starting their own programs are welcome. The event in Nevada will feature strategies for elevating local leadership, roundtable discussions on alumni engagement and measures of success, and will be capped off with an evening event spotlighting stories of leadership from across the state. [Learn more.](#)

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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