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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 us!](#)

Extended! Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant

The ICoF has received an extension for the [Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant Program](#). The new deadline is June 30, 2025. The ICoF team continues to monitor and notify CFs when the Governor declares a state of emergency in their county. Counties awarded challenge grants last month:

- **Des Moines County**
- **Greene County**

New Mailing Address for ICoF

Update your records! As of December 1, the Iowa Council of Foundations has a new mailing address:

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We utilize a third-party accounting firm, Diversified Management Services (DMS), to collect and process our mail, and they are the ones actually moving offices, but it changes our mailing address, so please update your records accordingly. The ICoF team continues to work remotely, so your best bet for getting a hold of us is by email or phone.

Iowa Grant Coordinator Update

We had a great conversation with members during our second Iowa Grant Coordinator call last month. Thank to those who could join us.

Mollie has pulled together [this helpful list](#) (XLS file) and [this list of USDA grants](#), full of ripe opportunities for members to explore related to disaster preparedness, response and recovery; climate and environmental justice; housing; and economic development planning. Please be sure to take a look and share relevant updates with partners in your region.

As a reminder, we created this [PARTNER INTAKE FORM](#) in an effort to:

1. Stay up-to-date with work that our members are engaging in;
2. Explore ways Mollie's time may be able to support some of your work directly, either through grantwriting services, coaching, proposal review and/or partner coordination; and
3. To support collaborative efforts across our member organizations and different regions of the state.

Please complete the form now or at any time you have a project you want us to know about and/or would like us to consider supporting via Mollie's contract.

[Grant Coordinator webpage](#)

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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](#). If you would like to customize the video with your local data, please [contact Laura](#).

The ICoF social media accounts (Facebook and LinkedIn) are sharing posts specific to the 5 for the Future initiative every Friday. Share a post for easy awareness-building, and start a conversation!

Upcoming Trainings & Events

2025 Public Policy Webinar

Friday, January 17, 2025 | 9 - 10 am | Virtual/Zoom

We invite all members to join us for a virtual conversation to discuss ICoF's public policy agenda for 2025. We will also hear from local policy partners about their priorities for the year and how ICoF members can engage and help support their work, including:

- David Adelman, Principal & Counsel, Cornerstone Government Affairs, and Iowa Community Foundations lobbyist, who will provide a preview of the 2025 Iowa legislative session and share an update about community foundation priorities for the year;
- Mary Nelle Trefz, Advocacy Network Director, Iowa ACEs 360, who will be back to share an overview of their 2025 policy priorities; and
- Kari McCann Boutell, ICoF President, who will highlight the ICoF's public policy priorities for 2025.

If you have any specific, policy-related questions or topics you would like to explore on the call with our speakers or your peers, please include them in your registration.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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CF Boot Camp

Presented by Indiana Philanthropy Alliance

February 26-28, 2025 | Cost: \$150*

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, February 26 | 9:30 am - Noon
- Wednesday, February 26 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Thursday, February 27 | 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Thursday, February 27 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm
- Friday, February 28 | 9:30 - 11:30 am
- Friday, February 28 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Registration for Iowa community foundations is open now through 5 pm on February 19. 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.

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Save the Date!

Annual Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 | 7:30 am | State Capitol, Des Moines

[Legal Matters for Community Foundations](#)

March 18 & 20, 2025 | Noon-3:30 pm each day | Virtual
\$150 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

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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 this page: [Legal Matters for Community Foundations - Virtual - March 2025](#) 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 **IowaLMCFMar25**. 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 \$150.
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.

Federal Public Policy Updates

On November 21, [H.R.9495](#), which contains a provision that would allow the Treasury Secretary to strip nonprofits of their tax-exempt status if they are

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suspected of supporting terrorism, [passed the House 219-184](#). The bill's path in the Senate is unclear, but we will be sure to keep you updated as we learn more. [Along with other sector leaders](#), the ICoF opposes Section 4, which would expand the Treasury Secretary's powers and create potential for abuse. We sent members [this public policy alert](#) days before the House vote.

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation for Western Iowa grants funds for new Atlantic daycare center](#)

[Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa awards \\$300k in grants](#)

[Nancy Van Milligan's, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque CEO, op-ed for Community Foundations Week](#)

[Pella Community Foundation awards grants totaling \\$200k](#)

[Quad Cities Community Foundation launches programs for nonprofits](#)

[Transfer of Wealth Study reveals Iowans' giving potential](#)

Articles & Items of Interest

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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