



January 2024

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!](#)

Fall Idea Implementation Grants Announced

Congratulations to the following community foundations that received 2024 Idea Implementation Grants last month!

- **Allamakee County Community Foundation:** starting a countywide women's giving circle
- **Community Foundation of Washington County:** host a giving circle event for 100+ people
- **Dyersville Area Community Foundation:** host a planned giving luncheon and mailings related to Transfer of Wealth
- **Foundation for the Future of Delaware County:** personal and group meetings with multiple audiences to introduce Transfer of Wealth data
- **Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation:** host a Women in Philanthropy event
- **Wayne Community Foundation:** new marketing materials

Fall Capacity-Building Grants Announced

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. Two grants were awarded this fall:

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- **Clayton County Foundation for the Future:** donor development, planning activities, operations
- **Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines:** donor development, operations

The spring grant cycle will open February 1, 2025.

Extended! Disaster Recovery Fund Challenge Grant

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

New Mailing Address for ICoF

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

**Iowa Council of Foundations
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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 who actually moved 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.

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-other Friday as we move into 2025. Share a post for easy awareness-building, and start a conversation!

Upcoming Trainings & Events

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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](#)

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

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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.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Annual Community Foundations Legislative Breakfast

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 | 7:30 - 9 am | State Capitol, Des Moines

Please join your community foundation colleagues from around the state as we gather at the State Capitol to talk about the important work of Iowa community foundations with legislators.

[Register](#)

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 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.

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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.

[Register via COF website](#)

Federal Public Policy Updates

In late November the US House passed the **Stop Terror-Financing and Tax Penalties on American Hostages Act (H.R. 9495)**. This bill contains a provision of substantial concern to the charitable sector, providing the Treasury Secretary with nearly unchecked power to revoke the tax-exempt status of charities without due process. This legislation will be something ICoF and our sector partners continue to monitor in 2025.

FOTH Dates Changed

Due to the recently released Congressional calendar, the United Philanthropy Forum and Council on Foundations have adjusted conference dates to ensure maximum impact for our sector's advocacy efforts. **New Conference Dates: February 23-26, 2025**. Location: JW Marriott Washington, DC. [More information about FOTH 2025 is here](#). If you are interested in attending as part of the ICoF delegation, speak to Kari!

Community Foundations in the News

[Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine honors those making a difference](#)

[Community Foundation of Johnson County and partners launch "Underestimated Small Business Grant" initiative](#)

[Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa help make new Glenwood sign a reality](#)

[North Lee Community Foundation awards more than \\$32k to seven area nonprofits](#)

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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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