

2021 Leadership Grant Priorities

Grantmaking Focus Areas

Rooted in community plan alignment to advance quality of life in Central Iowa:

Projects within any focus area(s) should utilize equity-centered strategies for strengthening our community in a post-COVID era to:

<p>Arts and Culture Capital Crossroads, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment</p>	<p>Advance regional cultural priorities through initiatives that leverage arts for social impact.</p>
<p>Community Betterment AARP Age Friendly City, Capital Crossroads, Challenges for Mental Health, DART 2035, Des Moines Vision 2031, Housing Tomorrow Plan, Ending Youth Homelessness Plan, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, The Path Forward, The Tomorrow Plan, United Way of Central Iowa</p>	<p>Increase availability and improve access to effective mobility & transportation solutions as well as safe and affordable housing.</p> <p>Prioritize inclusive economic development strategies that address inequities and foster community resiliency.</p>
<p>Education Capital Crossroads, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, United Way of Central Iowa</p>	<p>Partner for academic achievement through collaborative initiatives that support students and families, particularly those who were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.</p>
<p>Health AARP Age Friendly City, Capital Crossroads, Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan, Challenges for Mental Health, Community Health Needs Assessment, Housing Tomorrow Plan, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, The Path Forward, United Way of Central Iowa</p>	<p>Advance access to physical and mental health resources in our community through systemic efforts that support populations disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.</p>
<p>Social Capital AARP Age Friendly City, Capital Crossroads, Challenges for Mental Health, Community Health Needs Assessment, Des Moines Vision 2031, Ending Youth Homelessness Plan, Housing Tomorrow Plan, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, The Path Forward, The Tomorrow Plan, United Way of Central Iowa</p>	<p>Empower and engage diverse community voices to lead initiatives that develop and coordinate solutions to critical community needs.</p>
<p>Strengthening Individuals and Families in our Community AARP Age Friendly City, Capital Crossroads, Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan, Challenges for Mental Health, Community Health Needs Assessment, Ending Youth Homelessness Plan, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, The Path Forward, The Tomorrow Plan, United Way of Central Iowa</p>	<p>Connect support systems for vulnerable individuals and families, especially those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.</p> <p>Develop progressive strategies and systemic solutions that address homelessness, safe and affordable housing, access to care and open stronger financial futures.</p>
<p>Workforce Development Capital Crossroads, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, United Way of Central Iowa</p>	<p>Expand opportunities for individuals who have experienced workforce disruption to upskill and re-skill through education/certification attainment, job training and employment connections.</p>