

2022 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:**

<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, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment Challenges for Mental Health, Community Health Needs Assessment, DART 2035, Des Moines Vision 2031, Housing Tomorrow Plan, Ending Youth Homelessness Plan, Mid Iowa Planning Alliance, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, The Path Forward, The Tomorrow Plan, United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community</p>	<p>Increase availability and improve access to effective mobility & transportation solutions. Increase availability and improve access to safe and affordable permanent housing solutions. Prioritize inclusive economic development strategies that address inequities and foster community resiliency.</p>
<p>Education Capital Crossroads, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community</p>	<p>Partner for academic achievement through collaborative initiatives that support students and families, particularly those identified with multiple barriers to educational attainment and success.</p>
<p>Health AARP Age Friendly City, Capital Crossroads, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment, 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 5 Elements of a Thriving Community</p>	<p>Advance access to physical and mental health resources through systemic efforts that support populations facing inequitable barriers.</p>
<p>Social Capital AARP Age Friendly City, Capital Crossroads, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment, Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan 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</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, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment, 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 5 Elements of a Thriving Community</p>	<p>Connect support systems for vulnerable individuals and families. Develop progressive strategies and systemic solutions that address homelessness, reduce instances of food insecurity, expand safe and affordable housing, increase access to care and/or open stronger financial futures.</p>
<p>Workforce Development Capital Crossroads, Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment, Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan, Community Health Needs Assessment, Mid Iowa Planning Alliance, One Economy Blueprint, OpportUNITY, Refugee Community Plan, United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community</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>