

2023 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:**

Arts and Culture

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment](#), [Downtown DSM: Future Forward](#)

Advance regional cultural priorities through initiatives that **leverage arts for social impact.**

Community Betterment

[AARP Age Friendly City](#), [Capital Crossroads](#), [Challenges for Mental Health](#), [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), [DART 2035](#), [Des Moines Regional Workforce Housing Strategy](#), [Des Moines Vision 2031](#), [Downtown DSM: Future Forward](#), [Housing Tomorrow Plan](#), [Ending Youth Homelessness Plan](#), [Mid Iowa Planning Alliance](#), [Nuestro Iowa Report](#), [One Economy Blueprint](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [The Path Forward](#), [The Tomorrow Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community](#), [Unsheltered Des Moines Study](#)

Increase availability and improve access to **effective mobility & transportation** solutions.

Increase availability of supportive services and improve access to **safe and affordable permanent housing** solutions.

Prioritize **inclusive economic development strategies** that address inequities and foster community development.

Education

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment](#), [Nuestro Iowa Report](#), [One Economy Blueprint](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community](#)

Partner for academic achievement through collaborative initiatives that support students and families, particularly those identified with multiple barriers to educational attainment and success.

Health

[AARP Age Friendly City](#), [Capital Crossroads](#), [Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan](#), [Challenges for Mental Health](#), [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), [Housing Tomorrow Plan](#), [Nuestro Iowa Report](#), [One Economy Blueprint](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [The Path Forward](#), [The Tomorrow Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community](#), [Unsheltered Des Moines Study](#)

Advance access to physical and mental health resources through systemic efforts that support populations facing inequitable barriers.

Social Capital

[AARP Age Friendly City](#), [Capital Crossroads](#), [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](#), [Nuestro Iowa Report](#), [One Economy Blueprint](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [The Path Forward](#), [The Tomorrow Plan](#)

Empower and engage diverse community voices to lead initiatives that develop and coordinate solutions to critical community needs.

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](#), [Des Moines Regional Workforce Housing Strategy](#), [Ending Youth Homelessness Plan](#), [Nuestro Iowa Report](#), [One Economy Blueprint](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [The Path Forward](#), [The Tomorrow Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community](#), [Unsheltered Des Moines Study](#)

Connect support systems for vulnerable individuals and families.

Develop progressive strategies and systemic solutions that address homelessness, reduce instances of food insecurity, expand supportive services and safe, affordable housing, increase access to care and/or open stronger financial futures.

Workforce Development

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment](#), [Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan](#), [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), [Des Moines Regional Workforce Housing Strategy](#), [Mid Iowa Planning Alliance](#), [Nuestro Iowa Report](#), [One Economy Blueprint](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa 5 Elements of a Thriving Community](#)

Expand opportunities for individuals who have experienced workforce disruption to upskill and re-skill through education/certification attainment, job training and employment connections.