

Focus Areas

Areas for Grantmaking/ Community Plan alignment

2018 Grantmaking Priorities

Our Funding Strategies

Arts and Culture

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Central Iowa Regional Cultural Assessment](#)

Improve Access: Support equitable access to and participation in artistic and cultural experiences for new & underserved populations.

Community Betterment

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Challenges for Mental Health](#), [DART 2035](#), [Des Moines Vision 2031](#), [Housing Tomorrow Plan](#), [One Economy](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [The Tomorrow Plan](#)

Improve the Quality of Life: Improve the quality of life through recreation, restoration, beautification, and sustainability efforts.

Improve the Quality of the Community: Improve the quality of the community through economic development strategies and effective mobility and transportation solutions.

Improve the Quality of Neighborhoods: Improve the quality and desirability of neighborhoods through safe, affordable housing options and improvement strategies.

Education

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), [One Economy](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa](#)

Collaboration for Academic Achievement: Promote collaborative initiatives to improve academic achievement, particularly for those identified as low-income, at-risk of dropping out or falling behind educational benchmarks or are from minority populations.

Health

[AARP Age Friendly City](#), [Capital Crossroads](#), [Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan](#), [Challenges for Mental Health](#), [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), [One Economy](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa](#)

Reduce Barriers to Health: Promote systemic and collaborative efforts targeted at reducing barriers to health for the most vulnerable in our community. Provide support to efforts that ensure all people have full and equal access to opportunities that enable them to lead healthy lives.

Social Capital

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Community Connections: Build stronger community connections through partnerships and collaborations that mobilize community assets to implement effective solutions to a shared vision.

Strengthen Underrepresented and Underserved Communities: Support programs and practices, rooted in equity and inclusion, which empower and engage diverse community members.

Strengthening Individuals and Families in our Community

[Capital Crossroads](#), [Children's Mental Health Crisis Plan](#), [Challenges for Mental Health](#), [Community Health Needs Assessment](#), [Ending Youth Homelessness Plan](#), [One Economy](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [The Tomorrow Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa](#)

Develop Support Systems: Develop support systems for vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

Progressive Strategies: Develop progressive strategies and systemic solutions to address critical human needs issues, such as homelessness, affordable housing and poverty.

Workforce Development

[Capital Crossroads](#), [OpportUNITY](#), [Refugee Community Plan](#), [United Way of Central Iowa](#)

Workforce Development- Job Training and Skills Enhancement

Assist individuals to become self-sufficient through education/certification attainment, job training and job skills enhancement.