



As 2023 winds down, the Clarke County Development Corporation would like to invite you to a very special event.

We want to celebrate the successes of all Clarke County's non-profit organizations and the work they have done in 2023. We also want to look forward into 2023 to see what we might be able to accomplish together.

We would like each community organization to give a **three-minute presentation** to all the other organizations in attendance. Tell about your greatest success this year and your top three priorities for next year. All attendees will be able to learn more about how we can cooperate on these priorities and goals. Are there projects that might overlap? Are there projects that would be even more successful if several organizations could work together? You might think of the event as a "community workshop."

We are excited to announce that for the 2nd year we will be offering:

The opportunity for a non-profit to win up to \$5,000.

This year we will be holding a drawing for a donation of \$5000 provided by CCDC. The CCDC has offered to donate \$5000 to one lucky 501(c)(3) giving a presentation at the forum. A ticket will be given to each participant that has a 501 (c)(3) non-profit. At the end of the event, one ticket will be drawn out of the hat and that designated non-profit will receive the donation!

We at CCDC are interested to know what the plans are for our community non-profits. As it specifically relates to the CCDC Pillars grant program, we are interested in knowing what grants we might expect to see in 2024. There is always a limit on available funding, so we hope that by all organizations learning more about each other, we can make the best use of the grant dollars throughout the community. Specifically, for example, one grant that benefits two organizations is a more efficient use of funds than two separate grants for similar purposes. However, participation in this event will not insure approval of any grant in 2024. Neither will lack of participation have a negative impact on a grant application. All grants will still have to meet all of the grant guidelines at the time of application. The goal of this event is simply the sharing of information.

The Details:

- Monday, November 13, 3:00 PM
- Osceola Lyric Theatre
- Each organization will present a three-minute overview of your 2023 success and plans for 2023. These MUST be limited to 3 minutes in order to finish at a reasonable time. We will have a moderator that will keep us on time!

It is important that you RSVP by October 21st with:

- The name of people from your organization that will be presenting
- Your top 3 priorities for 2023 in writing on the attached form by either email or manually

Your information will be included in the Non-profit Forum Handbook given to all participants that evening. Due to time constraints, no other handouts or electronic presentations will be allowed. Without an RSVP by the deadline, we may not be able to include your group in the 2024 Community Development Handbook.

Finally, we want to “Thank you” for all your efforts to make our community a better place. We look forward to seeing you on November 13TH. Our goal is that you believe this was time well-spent and worthy of making an annual event. We also are excited about the opportunity for one of our non-profits to walk away with up to \$10,000. Please contact esimpson@clarkecountyiowa.com with any questions.

Elizabeth Simpson
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RSVP
Community Workshop
Monday, November 13th, 2023
3:00 PM

Name of Organization: _____

Name of person attending: _____

Contact information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Top 3 priorities for 2024:

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Your document will be included in a handout to all participants that evening as collated by CCDC. Please keep responses to the space provided. Without an **RSVP by October 21st**, we may not be able to include your group in the Community Development Handbook.

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