



Attention Nebraska & Southwest Iowa Grant Professionals!

Please join us for the
Grant Professionals Association - Nebraska Chapter
2025 Funders Panel

When: 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. Central Time on Friday, September 26, 2025

Where: Virtual | Zoom link to be shared upon registration

Panel Guests:



Kate Bolz

CEO/President

Community Health
Endowment of Lincoln

Donna Dostal

President/CEO

Community Foundation
for Western Iowa

Stacey Goodman

Program Officer

Iowa West Foundation

Sara Tall

Program Officer

Greater Grand Island
Community Foundation

Roberta Wilhelm

VP of Capacity Building

Sherwood Foundation

Registration Required!

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\$0 for Members
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This virtual event is a way for grant professionals to hear from Nebraska funders in a panel setting.

Attendees will have opportunities to ask questions of panelists.

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Panel Guest Biographies



Kate Bolz, CEO/President
Community Health Endowment of
Lincoln

Kate Bolz is the President and CEO of the Community Health Endowment, working to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation. Kate has extensive nonprofit and government experience. She served as the State Director for Rural Development for the United States Department of Agriculture and as a Mayoral Aide for Economic Development for the City of Lincoln, Nebraska. She served for eight years as a State Senator, leading efforts to invest in higher education and human services as Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

In addition to her government work, she served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (an association of community-based disability service providers) and as an adjunct professor at Union College.

Kate earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a master's in social work from the University of Michigan. A proud 6th generation Nebraskan, Kate Bolz grew up on a family farm in Otoe County. She and her husband Sean are the proud parents of their son Michael.



Donna Dostal, President/CEO
Community Foundation
for Western Iowa

Donna Dostal joined the Community Foundation for Western Iowa in April 2018. As president and Chief Executive Officer, Donna works closely with the Board of Directors to design and execute on the strategic direction for the Community Foundation around community-wide engagement in philanthropy and community impact for southwest Iowa.

Prior to her role at the Community Foundation, Donna served as Chief Development Officer for Heartland Family Service, where she was responsible for oversight of the agency's fundraising and sustainability efforts, volunteer involvement, marketing, communications, and public relations. Before her role at Heartland Family Service, Donna spent 12 years with Bellevue University, where she was National Business Development Manager. Donna is a graduate of Bellevue University, with dual undergraduate degrees in Communication Arts and Liberal Art for Business, and a Masters of Public Administration.



Stacey Goodman, Program Officer
Iowa West Foundation

Stacey Goodman is a Program Officer at the Iowa West Foundation, where she oversees a dynamic portfolio of grants and initiatives focused on arts & culture, community involvement, and workforce development. She holds a master's degree in arts administration from Indiana University and bachelor's degrees in management and music from Iowa State University. Stacey has received her Certificate in Fundraising Management from Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, and she earned her Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®) designation from the American College of Financial Services.

Stacey is involved in her community as a board member for several local nonprofits. She is a graduate of the Leadership Iowa Class of 2020-2021 and is a Midlands Business Journal 40 Under 40 recipient.



Sara is a Program Officer at the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation, where she oversees grant programs addressing community needs in Hall County, NE, and collaborates with nonprofits, donors, and local leaders to strengthen impact. She also facilitates the Youth Philanthropy Board, a two-year program that turns high schoolers into philanthropists. Previously, she worked in nonprofit arts management and healthcare.

A Hastings College graduate with dual degrees in Studio Art and Advertising/PR, Sara's passion for civic engagement grew from her family's businesses in San Diego, CA, where she learned the power of supporting and investing in community.

Sara Tall, Program Officer

Greater Grand Island Community
Foundation



Roberta attended Tehran American High School in Iran. She received both her BA in Theater and an MA in Acting and Directing from Kansas University. She worked at The Rose theater, serving in several artistic and administrative positions for 19+ years. From 2003-2023, she served as Executive Director at Girls Inc.

She is currently the VP of Capacity Building at The Sherwood Foundation. She has volunteered on boards of many non-profits including the Blue Barn Theatre, Nebraskans for the Arts, Mildred Brown Study Center, and Ooh de Lally. She has volunteered on a local Foster Care Review Board for twenty years.

Roberta Wilhelm,

VP of Capacity Building
Sherwood Foundation