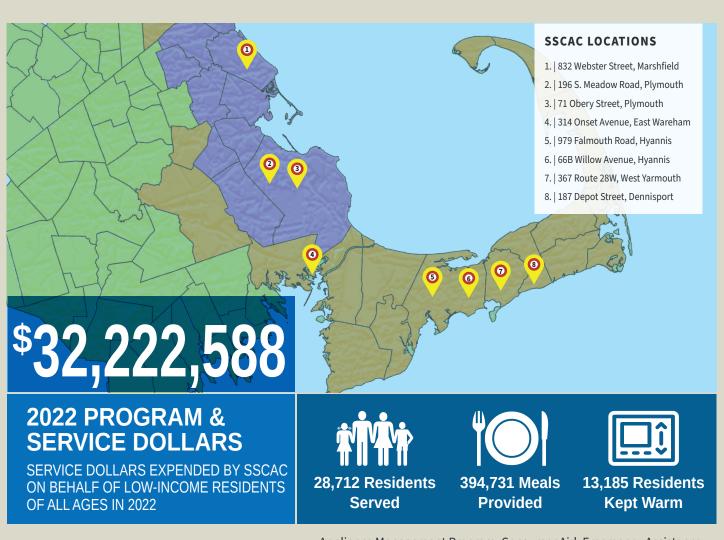
SSCAC Impact Report



Founded in 1965 under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Act and President Johnson's *War on Poverty*, the mission of South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC) is to *eliminate poverty* on the South Shore by working together with our community partners to coordinate services and create opportunities for education, training, and work so all individuals - *regardless of income* - can live with dignity, contribute to the fullest extent of their capabilities, and participate in our vibrant communities.



SSCAC'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Appliance Management Program, Consumer Aid, Emergency Assistance, Food Basket, Food Resources, Heating System Repair and Replacement, Home Energy Assistance (Fuel Assistance), South Shore Early Education, South Shore Family Network, Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and Weatherization

Making a Difference for Our Communities

SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITY SSCAC EST 1965 ACTION COUNCIL

SSCAC SERVED 28,712 PEOPLE IN 2022

With so many individuals and families continuing to struggle financially in 2022 due to the ripple effects of the pandemic compounded by sky-high prices for food, housing, gas, utilities, and other necessities, all of us at South Shore Community Action Council maintained our efforts to help our neighbors in need. In collaboration with hundreds of community partners, our dedicated staff made a difference in the lives of **28,712 people** of all ages in nearly **80 communities** in Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands.

13,185 Residents

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (FUEL ASSISTANCE)

Keeping low-income seniors, children, and families warm and preventing utility shut-off in 39 communities on the South Shore, Cape Cod, and the Islands through \$15,493,766 in direct vendor payments made by SSCAC.

612 Residents

HEATING SYSTEM REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT (HEARTWAP)

Reducing the high cost of home heating for low-income individuals and families through no-cost home heating system inspections, clean and tune maintenance, repair, or replacement totaling \$986,838.

156 Residents

WEATHERIZATION

Lowering utility bills for low-income residents by making homes more energy efficient through home Weatherization measures totaling \$745,511.

216 Residents

APPLIANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (AMPS)

Reducing high utility costs through no-cost energy usage audits and conservation measures, including installation of energy efficient light bulbs or replacement of refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, or dehumidifiers totaling \$163,384.

523 Children

SOUTH SHORE EARLY EDUCATION

Award-winning Head Start, Early Head Start, state funded preschool and before/after school care at 6 centers in Plymouth, Marshfield, Wareham, and on Cape Cod including daily meals, health screening, bus transportation, and family supports.

1,084
Residents

TRANSPORTATION

Ensuring elderly and disabled residents access health care and other vital services by providing safe, door-to-door transportation in SSCAC's handicap accessible vehicles with specially trained drivers totaling **63,615** trips.

473,677Pounds of Food

FOOD RESOURCES

Fresh and non-perishable food collected, stored, and distributed to supply over 62 community partners with food for a monthly average of 5,935 food insecure children, seniors, and families in Plymouth County.

712 Residents

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

No-cost electronic preparation and filing of state and federal income tax returns by IRS-certified volunteers resulting in **\$1,101,265** in refunds for low-income taxpayers.

408 Children

SOUTH SHORE FAMILY NETWORK

Free parent-child playgroups and family support activities online and at local libraries, parks, and playgrounds focused on early literacy and S.T.E.M., parenting, child development, and kindergarten readiness.

539 Households

CONSUMER AID

Free consumer education and mediation of consumer complaints as an alternative to costly court resolution for Plymouth County residents, resulting in complaint resolutions valued at \$229,204.

365 Residents

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Stabilizing households in crisis through case management, resource information and referrals, and emergency assistance direct vendor payments totaling **\$246,423** to prevent food insecurity, eviction, foreclosure, or utility shut-off.

CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS Female 63% White 85% Black/African American 4% Hispanic/Latinx 6% 0-17 Years Old 23% 60 Years or Older 48% At or Below 100% Poverty Level 28% Single Person Household 58% 90% High School Graduate or Greater Active Military or Veteran 6% 24% Disabled Retired 47% Homeowners 59%

#OurCommunityInAction

SSCAC is a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit Community Action Agency. We are one of 23 Community Action Agencies throughout Massachusetts and over 1,000 across the United States.

Our volunteer Board of Directors is composed entirely of local residents directly connected to the communities we serve with members who are representatives of town Select Boards, Community Representatives, and Low-Income Representatives.



South Shore Community Action Council For more information visit sscac.org, follow us on social media or call 508-747-7575