

Scituate Impact Report



South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC) works to eliminate poverty on the South Shore by coordinating, strengthening, and supplementing community efforts to empower individuals and families so they can live in decency and with dignity, realize their full potential, and participate to the extent of their capabilities in all that our communities have to offer. Through our Community Needs Assessment Survey, low-income Scituate residents identified the ability to pay heat and utility bills, affordable housing, and access to affordable food as their three most critical needs. In addition to providing services to residents of Scituate to address those needs and more, SSCAC operated as an economic conduit, bringing private, local, state, and federal funding to Scituate and the South Shore.

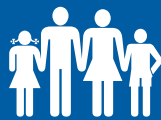


\$216,709

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2025 PROGRAM & SERVICE DOLLARS

SERVICE DOLLARS EXPENDED ON BEHALF OF LOW-INCOME SCITUATE RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES IN 2025



492 Residents Served



297 Households Served



239 Residents Kept Warm

SSCAC'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SCITUATE RESIDENTS

Appliance Management Program, Consumer Aid, Emergency Assistance and Case Management, Fuel Assistance, Heating System Repair and Replacement (HEARTWAP), South Shore Early Education, South Shore Family Network, Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and Weatherization



Making a Difference for Scituate Residents



SSCAC SERVED 492 SCITUATE RESIDENTS IN 2025

In a year marked by sky-rocketing costs for household basics, many low- and moderate-income families had to make difficult trade-offs between healthcare and food to cover non-discretionary expenses like housing, utilities, and transportation. In response, SSCAC and its community partners stepped forward to provide a vital safety net. Our impact extended beyond immediate crisis relief to foster long-term financial and family stability - from mobilizing food security initiatives to expanding transportation for older adults and individuals with disabilities; preventing housing displacement and utility shut-off to increasing comprehensive early education opportunities for our youngest learners. We focused on ensuring that our most vulnerable neighbors had access to the resources and care they needed. This work was and continues to be possible only through the unwavering dedication of our employees, volunteers, and community partners. For the thousands of children, seniors, and families whose lives we touched in 2025 and beyond, we stand together, committed to our shared vision where those with so many cards stacked against them have support and resources to achieve their full potential, live with dignity and in decency, and fully participate in our vibrant communities.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SSCAC CLIENTS

Female	62%
White	83%
Black/African American	5%
Hispanic/Latinx	5%
0-17 Years Old	21%
60 Years or Older	45%
At or Below 100% Poverty Level	29%
Single Person Household	56%
High School Graduate or Greater	86%
Active Military or Veteran	6%
Disabled	12%
Retired	43%
Homeowners	59%

SSCAC SERVED 31,689 PEOPLE IN 2025

“ Community Speaks ”

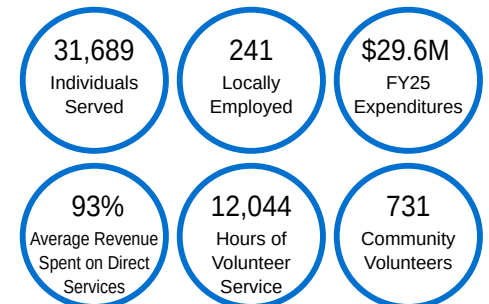
Keeping our home warm was an uphill battle. Your support was a great financial help and gave us peace of mind during a crisis. Thank you!

#OurCommunityInAction

As the Community Action Agency for Scituate, our Board of Directors includes a seat designated for a member or representative of the town's Select Board. Our Board of Directors also includes Community Representatives and Low-Income Representatives.

Other towns in our primary service area are:

Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, and Scituate



South Shore Community Action Council

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Residents

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE (FUEL ASSISTANCE)

Scituate residents stayed safe and warm through **\$101,701** in direct payments made by SSCAC to local home heating companies.

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Residents

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Lowered utility bills for Scituate residents through Weatherization, Appliance Management and Heating System Repair and Replacement totaling **\$34,768**.

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Children

SOUTH SHORE EARLY EDUCATION

Head Start, Early Head Start, and state funded preschool provided for free or low-cost for Scituate's children, including daily nutritious meals, health screening, bus transportation, and family supports.

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Residents

TRANSPORTATION

Elderly and disabled Scituate residents with no means of transportation accessed medical, adult day health, and social service appointments in handicap accessible vehicles with specially trained drivers.

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Residents

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Free State and Federal income tax preparation and e-filing for 5 Scituate residents, securing a combined refund of **\$5,382**.

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Children

SOUTH SHORE FAMILY NETWORK

Free community-based parent-child playgroups and family support activities focused on early literacy and S.T.E.M., parenting, child development, and kindergarten readiness.

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Households

CONSUMER AID

Consumer education and mediation of consumer complaints for residents of Scituate resulting in **\$105,811** in resolutions.

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Residents

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL STABILITY

Helping households in crisis with information, referrals, case management, and financial assistance totaling **\$551** to avoid eviction or utility shut-off.