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impact report

economic & community development

workforce training

Working with a variety of federal and state funding partners, SCCOGs operate SC Works Centers to provide much needed workforce training throughout our state.



46,120 job seekers served through **42** SC Works offices.

WIOA clients, including youth, displaced workers and adults totaled 5,286.

Each COG has a Workforce Development Board that prioritizes how Federal WIOA funds will be utilized - resulting in re-employment or job training for South Carolinians of all ages and backgrounds.

Nearly 50% of those clients were trained in Program Year 2021.

federal & state grants

On behalf of our local governments, SC COGs pursue competitive grants for infrastructure and community revitalization projects. More than half of the grants secured are **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**. Others include **SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA)** and **US Economic Development Administration (EDA)** grants.



223 grants were secured, administered and managed, totaling nearly **\$187m.**

An additional \$76m was secured for 62 water and sewer projects, not including RIA SCIP grants..

access to capital

SC COGs are able to leverage valuable financial resources in the form of loans and private capital through federal partners like the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Appalachian Regional Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. They provide capital and funds that expand businesses and create jobs throughout our state.

\$157m leveraged
9,581 jobs created



Since the early 1980s, COGs have secured **\$339m** in private capital.



SOUTH CAROLINA
councils
of governments

We are a network of 10 Councils of Governments working to positively influence quality of life and economic development in South Carolina. South Carolina Councils of Governments (SC COGs) navigate state and national policy issues, advocate on behalf of multiple regions, and leverage successes to build a grander story for our state.

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quality of life

From improving the housing we already have to removing structures that no longer suit our communities, SC COGs are focused on

improving communities & strengthening neighborhoods.



This fiscal year, SC COGs secured **\$5.8 million**

in grants to support affordable workforce housing.

serving our aging population

Seven of the 10 SC COGs are designated as their region's Area Agency on Aging (AAA), working with the SC Department on Aging to deliver services like **in-home care, transportation, legal services and more** to the aging population throughout South Carolina.

- **171,709** clients were impacted by SC COGs Aging Programs.
- **1,712,052** meals were served (in-home and at congregate meal sites) to a total of **18,851** seniors.



serving local governments

SC COGs work to benefit all of South Carolina by functioning as an extension of county and local governments, serving as a resource for technical assistance, and securing state and federal dollars to address critical issues for our communities.

planning assistance

In 2022, SC COGs assisted city and county governments in meeting statutory planning requirements for their jurisdictions, and in filling gaps within staffing and management of services. SC COGs completed comprehensive plans, updated zoning documents, and assisted with large scale GIS projects.



- **133** planning projects
- **24** comprehensive plans

transportation planning & projects

Each of the 10 COGs engages in transportation planning at some level. All manage rural transportation planning and four of the 10 serve as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for urban transportation planning. Working with transportation policy committees, COG Boards recommend and prioritize transportation projects in coordination with the SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT).



- **31** transportation projects
- **22** transit projects