

Impact Update: February 2022

Addressing Food Insecurity



Recent Statewide data shows a significant uptick in food insecurity. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Community Foundation has contributed significantly to combat this statewide trend by supporting many food programs. Starting this month, through a partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, the Community Foundation will grant \$2.9 million from the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). [Read on](#) to learn more about the issue and our plans to address it.

Photo: Emergency Response Fund grantee, Hockomock Area YMCA



Capacity Building

So, what do we mean by capacity building?

Glad you asked! Capacity building is the investment in the effectiveness and future sustainability of a nonprofit. This can take the form of financial support, community building, mentoring, and resources to strengthen skillsets or infrastructure. Read our latest [Creative SouthCoast blog](#) to learn how the Community Foundation is putting that into practice with 13 local nonprofits.

Grant Update



Accepting Applications

- **Scholarships:** This is a great opportunity for Southeastern Massachusetts high school seniors, college students, and adult learners who could use this critical support. We manage 75 scholarships which range from \$700 to \$20,000. To read our '7 Top Tips' on the process and to apply, click [here](#).
- **Polaroid Fund:** These grants are made to help New Bedford's most vulnerable residents build the skills necessary to attain their educational and employment goals. Programs will be funded for a period of 9 months to support activities and expenses from April 15, 2022, through December 31, 2022. Organizations can request up to \$15,000. Closes February 20th. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Photo: 2021 Scholarship Recipients, Buttonwood Park. K & A Photography

Events

NONPROFIT STRONG WORKSHOP

The Great Resignation: Exploring Ways to Retain Nonprofit Employees



**CROSS-SECTOR.
STATEWIDE.**

**A SERIES OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AND CAPACITY
BUILDING PROGRAMS**

Free: Wednesday, March 9th | 10:00 – 12:00 PM

The SouthCoast Community Foundation is a founding member of the Massachusetts Community Foundations Partnership, a collaborative made up of 14 community foundations. Our intention is to partner with nonprofit organizations to support them as they address the critical issues facing communities across Massachusetts. One way we do this is through a series of technical assistance and capacity-building programs under the initiative, **Nonprofit Strong**.

We've all been hearing about The Great Resignation: record numbers of people leaving their job in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonprofits are not exempt. But turnover is expensive and takes a toll on employee morale. How can organizations respond? This interactive Nonprofit Strong session will explore some simple and not so simple ways to retain employees.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

WEBINAR

**Culture & Community in a Time of Transformation:
South Coast & South Shore**

CULTURE + COMMUNITY

IN A TIME OF
TRANSFORMATION

| Focus on
Massachusetts

Free: Wednesday, March 9 | 12 PM

This webinar will explore the role of the arts and culture sector within the South Coast and South Shore region against the backdrop of COVID-19 and racial justice movements. Slover Linett will present key findings from a representative survey of Massachusetts residents with insights from South Coast/South Shore, specifically, fielded in April 2021. The Massachusetts-focused report was commissioned by Barr Foundation to extend learnings from the national Culture & Community research. This event is co-hosted by Arts & Culture Partners of New Bedford in partnership with regional partners including the Community Foundation.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2022 Institute for Trustees



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INSTITUTE FOR TRUSTEES

April 11 – May 26

The Community Foundation in collaboration with Essex Community Foundation, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, and Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts is hosting the **2022 Institute for Trustees**. The virtual convention will kick off with a keynote speaker, followed by a series of workshops that will give

nonprofit leaders and Board members the opportunity to develop skills to address complex issues and find solutions to formidable challenges from peers and colleagues from across the state.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

RETREAT

Decolonizing Your Creative Practice: Urgency with Haus of Glitter



Free: Saturdays, March 26 & April 9 | 9:00 – 1:00 PM

As part of our Creative SouthCoast Initiative and our commitment to a thriving arts and culture economy that is equitable and inclusive, we are providing free access to this two-part virtual retreat. Participants are invited to join the Haus of Glitter Performance Lab to unravel and heal from urgency, a symptom of white supremacy culture, both in creative practice and in the ways we move through the world.

Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

Staff News

Hiring

President & CEO

The Community Foundation is seeking a proven leader who demonstrates a strong ability to raise community awareness and clearly articulates the vision and direction for the SouthCoast Community Foundation. They must be a strategic and visionary leader who understands the potential of the organization to use its financial, social, and reputational capital to positively impact the community. An appreciation for the culture of the region and a willingness to understand the challenges and opportunities within the SouthCoast communities will be essential. To learn more about the position and apply, click [here](#).

Senior Programs Officer

This position will work collaboratively with donor services, programs, and communications staff, ensuring grant programs are effectively communicated and administered, and investments have the desired outcomes intended. This position is an integral part of the SouthCoast Community Foundation team and essential in achieving its organizational goals. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

