

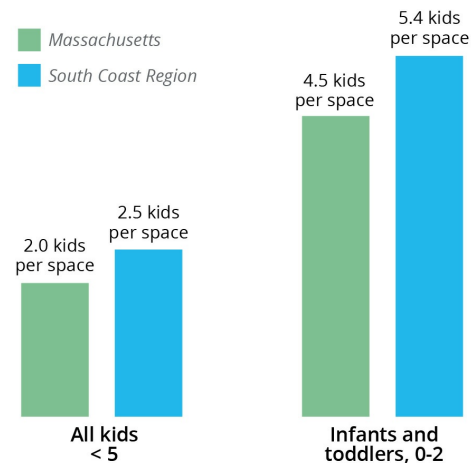
Impact Update: March 2022

Expanding Early Education and Child Care Opportunities

Newly published report commissioned by the Community Foundation illuminates pain points and opportunities.

Across the 41 cities and towns, the SouthCoast Community Foundation serves, there are approximately 50,000 children under the age of five but only 20,000 child care slots, translating roughly into 2.5 children for every slot. This lags the state, with two children for every slot. Scarcity is only one aspect of a multilayered issue plaguing the early education and child care system and only one example of how the South Coast region is trailing the state.

MA & South Coast have more kids than the early education and child care system can accommodate



SOURCE: cSPA tabulation of data from Massachusetts Dept of Early Education and Care, Census Bureau

To deepen the Community Foundation's understanding of the topic and take its first step toward making early education and child care a significant focus for the organization, it is rolling out a report this week produced in partnership with the Center for State Policy Analysis at Tufts University. The Expanding Early Education and Child Care Opportunities (EECCO) report provides a rigorous assessment of the Community Foundation catchment area using the best available data and supplemented by 21 interviews with regional experts and thought leaders.

To read more about this vital subject and our plans to address it, click [here](#).



Not Just a “Nice to Have”

When it comes to economic development, are the arts a “*nice to have*” or a “*must-have*”? The answer to that question was made clear when MassDevelopment chose, not a commercial business, but a mill converted to artists’ studios in New Bedford to announce the newest [Transformative Development Initiative](#) (TDI) districts across Massachusetts.

To read the latest Creative SouthCoast blog, click [here](#).

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Grant Update



Accepting Applications

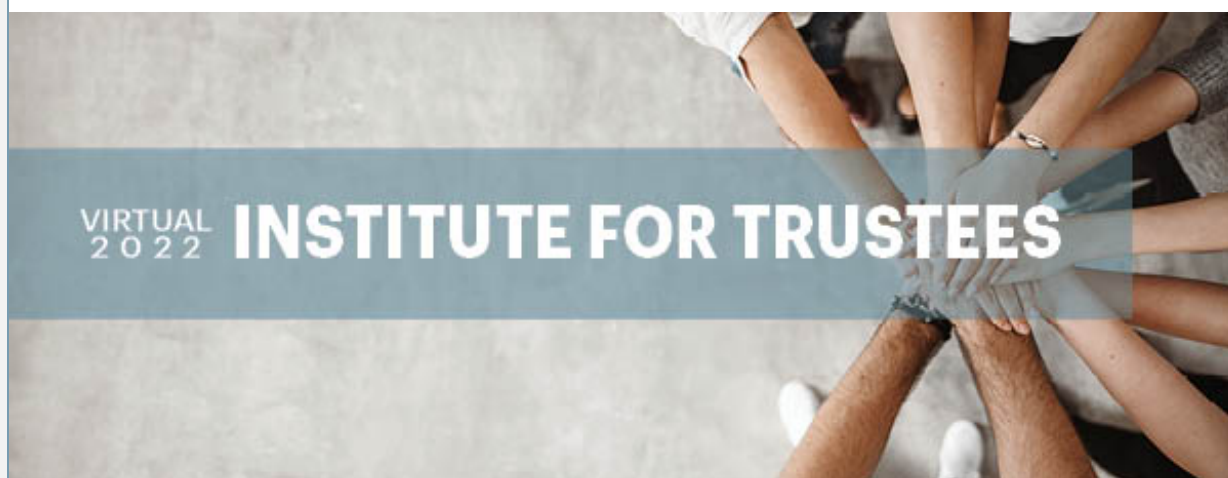
- [CARES Act Community Department Block Grant](#) : For qualified 501c3 organizations addressing food security needs related to the impacts of

the COVID-19 pandemic. **Deadline: March 15th**

- **Scholarships:** A variety of scholarship awards for students throughout Southeastern Massachusetts -- whether high school senior, current college student, or adult learner. **Deadline: March 31st.**
- **Easton Legacy Fund:** For not-for-profit organizations whose initiatives add to the quality of life within Easton or enhance the town. Priority given to projects that support the arts, culture, recreation, and local history. **Deadline: April 15th.**

Events & Training

VIRTUAL CONVENTION 2022 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.

NONPROFIT STRONG WORKSHOP The Great Resignation: Exploring Ways to Retain Nonprofit Employees



THE GREAT RESIGNATION: EXPLORING WAYS TO RETAIN NONPROFIT EMPLOYEES

March 9, 2022

Free: Wednesday, March 9th | 10:00 AM

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.

NONPROFIT STRONG WORKSHOP
The Power of Equity in Fundraising



THE POWER OF EQUITY IN FUNDRAISING

March 15, 2022
10:00 am

Free: Tuesday, March 15th | 10:00 AM

The nonprofit sector has played a role in widening the class divide in this country through fundraising and communication strategies that reinforce the donor's self-image as a hero of the fundraising narrative. This session will explore the tensions that have held some organizations back from building transformational donor partnerships and provide tools to help organizations become stronger and more impactful by incorporating equitable fundraising and communication strategies. This session will be led by Sonya Shields, Senior Associate at Cause Effective.

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 the racial justice movements. Slover Linett, an independent consultant, 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 SouthCoast Community Foundation.

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.

Hiring

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.

