

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.



2018 impact report



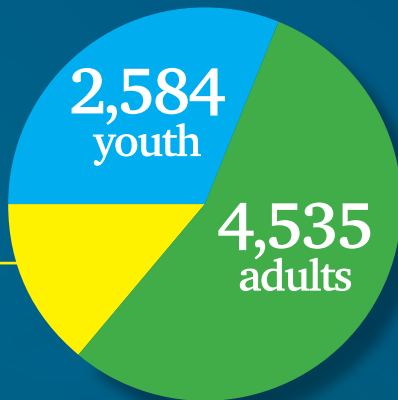
economic & community development

workforce training

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

WIOA clients trained:

1,144 displaced workers



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

287,387 workers served through **45** SC Works offices.

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) grants and US Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants.

- **201** grants were secured, administered and managed totaling **\$103m.**

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.** These provide capital and funds that expand businesses and create jobs throughout our state.

- **\$119m** generated
- **5,232** jobs created

Since the early 1980s, COGs have secured **\$289m** in private capital.



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 and strengthening neighborhoods.

improving communities & strengthening neighborhoods

This fiscal year, SC COGs

- spent \$1.8million on affordable workforce housing units in 13 counties,
- built & rehabilitated 60 single-family homes and 27 multi-family housing units and,
- removed 229 residential and 3 commercial structures.



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 2018, 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.

- 112 planning projects
- 33 cities and counties
- 23 comprehensive plans



serving our aging population

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

- 51,836 clients were impacted by SC COGs Aging Programs.
- 2,573,122 meals were served (in-home and at congregate meal sites) to a total of 16,997 seniors.

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)

- 21 transit projects
- 12 transportation projects

To learn more about SC COGs, please visit sccogs.org.