# By the Numbers

In FY2022 SEVCA provided services to 2,926 individuals.

**31%** were over age 55.

25% were children 0-17.

53% were unemployed.

31% had a disabling condition.

18% of adults had not finished high school.

46% of adults highest education level was HS diploma or a GED.

24% of adults had some college or a college degree.

#### Of 1,712 households we served.

61% of households were renting.

585 households were caring for 730 children.

15% of household were headed by a woman.

82% of households had income below 200% of the FPL (\$46,060 for a family of 3).

**49%** had income below 100% of FPL (\$23,030 for a family of 3).



#### **Service Access:**

SEVCA worked with 2,497 individuals to determine their eligibility for programs including 3SquaresVT.

26% of people who came to SEVCA for assistance were also referred to other community agencies who could better meet their needs.

I thank you sincerely for your help as I was so afraid of facing a crisis of being without heat in January, mostly for my children's sake. You were helpful and encouraging, and I appreciate that so much."

Neighbor who received emergency fuel assistance

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I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your help. I had no knowledge of the program until you helped me. Now my rent and electric are paid. I have fuel in my tank thanks to your other assistance. I am so grateful for the work you do and how you handle it, leaving me with my dignity. I am getting back on my feet now and hope to never have to reach out to you again. Just wanted to let you know you are appreciated!"





March 2023

Dear Friends,

All of us at SEVCA are pleased to share with you our FY22 *Impact Report*. The past year was extraordinary, in the challenges we faced in the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic and in the response at every level of our community to meet those challenges. SEVCA is proud to have played an important role in that response.

Resources from government, foundations, local businesses and generous individuals enabled SEVCA to assist more people who were food or housing insecure, needed help with rent or utility payments or just needed guidance to master their own finances. We worked with people who wanted to save money by weatherizing their homes, families who wanted to reduce electric bills while fighting climate change by switching to solar power, entrepreneurs who wanted to secure their futures by starting their own business, and parents seeking affordable high-quality preschool programs for their children.

As SEVCA looks forward we anticipate that our neighbors may struggle to meet their basic needs as pandemic era supports end even as the local cost of living is rising. We will continue to rely on effective partnerships with aligned organizations and the support of our community to assure we maximize the likelihood that everyone has what they need to thrive. Thank you for your support and all you do to make our work possible.

Tom Dougherty
President, Board of Directors



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# Vermont Everyone Eats (VEE)

VEE started in August 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. SEVCA was selected as the fiscal agent and statewide administrator for the VEE program. VEE meals offered a stabilizing source of income for local restaurants, farmers and food producers while providing free meals to all Vermonters impacted by Covid 19. In 2022 the program provided 1,426,852 prepared



meals to the community, and is on track to deliver a total of 3.5 million meals when the program winds down in March 2023.

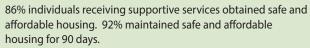
An average of 35% of meal ingredients have been purchased from Vermont farmers and food producers, providing over \$3.5 million in revenue. VEE was funded with \$42 million in FEMA funding supplemented with a \$1.3 million allocation from the Vermont state legislature. The program has benefited over 700 restaurants, farms, food producers, hubs, and distribution partners throughout the state's fourteen counties since its inception.

This program is seamless and touches so many in need. Restaurants, farmers and hungry Vermonters. This is one of the most brilliant programs that I've ever been involved in."

VEE Restaurant Participant

# **Housing Stability**

877 individuals received financial supports to maintain their housing including rental and deposit payments and financial coaching. 90% avoided eviction.



1,384 households were able to keep their homes heated and/ or their electricity on.

54% of Seniors and 67% of individuals with disabilities maintained an independent living situation.

#### **Head Start**

Head Start programs sponsored by SEVCA in Chester, Springfield, Windsor, and White River Junction promote the language, literacy, and social and emotional development of young children ages three to five while supporting low-income parents in their role as their child's first and most important teachers.



83 children were served in Head Start by 32 staff.

23% of the enrolled children are on an Individual Education Plan to address learning delays.

95% of children are up-to-date on immunizations.

48% of parents had an Associate's Degree or higher education.

41% of fathers were engaged with our program throughout the year.

59% of the children will be transitioning to Kindergarten in the fall.

Before my child started Head Start, she was very shy and quiet, but had a love for learning. Head Start gave her the ability to speak to other children and adults with no trouble and has taught her so much! She has found her village within 4 classroom walls. A place where she can explore, interact with children her age and learn new things."

Pine Street Preschool Parent

## **Emergency Home Repair and Weatherization**

151 people received services that increased the comfort and energy efficiency of their homes with insulation, air sealing and furnace repairs.

420 people received improvements within their home which improved the health and safety of their environments. Services may have included the reduction or elimination of lead, radon, carbon dioxide and/or fire hazards or electrical issues.

Being a single mom who lives paycheck to paycheck, I don't have the financial resources for these unexpected home repairs. We are so full of gratitude for the help provided by this program. Everyone was so kind, supportive and thorough. I never felt judged for my financial stuggles and SEVCA was right there to help us through the hard times... Thank you for all you did to help my family in our time of crisis."

A neighbor who received emergency home repair services

#### VITA- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Trained volunteers prepared income tax returns for 694 low income households in 2022 for free. 38% of filers received tax credits due to them while 25% received a tax refund.





## **Good Buy Thrift Stores**

174 people received vouchers for emergency assistance.

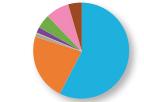
#### Workforce Education

Even during the pandemic, people were interested in improving their financial knowledge by taking advantage of SEVCA's resources and education programs. 42 people took Financial Literacy classes while 74 received financial coaching. 20 people participated in job readiness training; 33 received small business startup support and 26 took self-employment skills training.

#### FY2022 Financial Statement 1/30/23. \*Unaudited

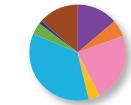
Income	\$7,717,367	
Federal Grants	\$4,443,390	58%
State Grants	\$1,724,940	38.82%
Town Appropriations	\$86, 847	1.95%
United Way	\$19,404	0.44%
Foundations/Private Organizations	\$145,890	3.28%
Donations	\$358,551	8.07%
Program Income/Fees/Other	\$591,380	13.31%
In Kind		7.81%
FEMA pass-through funds		
	\$25,027,981	
Form and distances	£7.604.500	
Expenditures		42.700/
Community Services		13.79%
Crisis Fuel	\$431,369	5.61%
Head Start		23.11%
Economic Development	\$284,616	3.70%
Weatherization	\$2,700,054	35.09%
Thrift Stores	\$311,021	4.04%
Other Programs	\$87,044	1.13%
General and Administrative		13.53%
FEMA pass-through funds	\$17,310,614	





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- Donations

# Expenditures excludes FEMA Funds



- Community Services
- Crisis Fuel
- Head Start ■ General Administration
- WeatherizationThrift StoresOther

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