

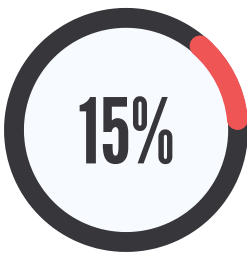
# SPCAA + Your Community →→

*South Plains Community Action Association and its vital programs are at risk for being totally eliminated or severely defunded. These hurtful impacts go beyond program budgets. Here’s some important data you should know if you live in Dickens, King, or Motley County.*

## Dickens, King, and Motley Counties

2,955 Total Population for the 3 Counties

1,250 Households



On average, **15 percent** of individuals living in these counties, are **living below the poverty line**.



Dickens, King, and Motley Counties have seen an on **average population decrease of 9 percent since 2020**.

Data provided by the U.S. Census

## SPCAA Programs in Your Community\*

- Energy/Utility Assistance
  - WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)
    - Spur Clinic
  - Health Insurance Navigator Program
  - Transition Out of Poverty (TOP) Program
  - Child Care Services
  - Workforce Solutions
  - Weatherization Assistance
- Project CHAMPS
  - Primary Health Care Program
  - SPARTAN Transportation
  - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
  - Income Tax Prep Assistance
  - HOME Housing Program
  - Section 8 Housing
  - Multi-Family Housing Rental Program

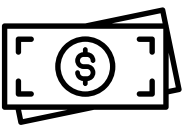
**\*ALL of the programs above are at risk of being eliminated**

### SPCAA + Your Residents

In **2024 alone**, SPCAA spent nearly **\$103k** in **utility assistance** for families living in your community.



If the average utility bill is \$160 then SPCAA paid that **over 640 times** for residents in your community in 2024.



### SPCAA + Your Families

In 2024, SPCAA assisted **324 families** at the WIC clinic in Spur.

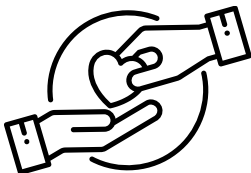
Our WIC families receive

- Healthy food
- Breastfeeding support
- One-on-one counseling with nutritionists
- Recipes & cooking demonstrations
- Nutrition classes



### SPCAA Goes Beyond

On June 21<sup>st</sup> 2023, the community of Matador, Texas was devastated by a tornado that killed 4 people and injured 15 others.



In response to the disaster, **SPCAA donated \$50,000 to the City of Matador for community relief and rebuilding**.

# Who We Are

*South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) is a non-profit organization that provides assistance in over 100 counties across Texas. Throughout all of our programs we are focused on enabling people to achieve self-sufficiency and escape poverty by providing them with the resources to achieve that goal. We provide assistance like job training, education and tuition assistance, child care, transportation, health services, and much more.*

## Picture This:

You and your spouse are happily married with two children. Like so many other families across the United States, through no fault of your own, you fall on hard times and quickly slip into poverty. Being the hardworking parents that you are, you and your spouse weigh your options on how to escape the cycle of poverty. You decide the best long-term solution for you and your family is to go back to school and earn your CDL. While you search for options, your spouse thankfully has found employment at a local convenience store, but you know it is not enough. The CDL program you find is a 12-month contract out of state that would force you to leave your children and spouse behind, which would put an even bigger strain on you and your family. What do you do?

## SPCAA Provides **Real Solutions**

The scenario above is a **real** situation our client Ruben Ramirez found himself in. He and his wife Laura first visited SPCAA to receive utility assistance. Thanks to a dedicated center worker, the family also received assistance through our Transition Out of Poverty program along with our Workforce Solutions WIOA program which helped Ruben take local classes for his CDL so he wouldn't have to leave his family for 12 months.



By June of 2024, just a few months after reaching out to SPCAA, Ruben and Laura were at 125% the federal poverty level and both fully employed. By November of that same year, they were able to **purchase their first home**.

*SPCAA sees cases like these daily. We assist hardworking, **real** people to provide long-lasting, **real** change in their life.*

## What You Can Do

**In order to best protect vital SPCAA programs, we urge you to contact your local representative and ask them for their explicit support.** "I am a constituent of [Dickens, King, or Motley] County, and I am concerned about potential upcoming federal budget cuts to programs like [insert your choice of SPCAA programs]. This would be devastating for my community, and I respectfully ask that you oppose any proposed budget cuts to programs like these in the upcoming future."

### **Your Representatives**

**U.S. Congressman**

Ronny Jackson: (806) 641-5600

**U.S. Senator**

John Cornyn: (806) 472-7533

**U.S. Senator**

Ted Cruz: (214) 599-8749