

Anderson County Assistance Programs

The local community action agency is **Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc. (or SHARE)**. They have a wide variety of resources and services available for low to moderate income people who live in Anderson County South Carolina. They are a non-profit organization that is committed to both helping people through short term difficulties, and also ensuring they become self-sufficient over the long term. You can contact them at **(864) 224-7028** or **(864) 269-0700** to learn more about any program or to apply. They offer everything from mortgage assistance, to help with energy and medical bills.

South Carolina Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The heating bill assistance program operates from October 1 through April 30 every year. This program is intended to assist eligible households who are facing weather related emergencies, such as low fuel or service disconnection, due to the cold temperatures experienced during the winter. The program will only provide aid to the household's primary heating source. Assistance for heating bills is provided toward the following types of services: electricity, fuel oil, natural gas, coal, propane gas, kerosene, propane, heating oil, or wood. **1-800-251-7234**

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1548>

Help with Air Conditioning and Cooling Bills

The cooling and air conditioning assistance program operates every year from May 15 through September 30. It provides eligible households with cash grants and funds if they are facing weather related emergencies due to the warmer temperatures experienced during the summertime. The program provides aid towards paying electric bills, fans for senior citizens and even free air conditioners and fans if needed. Contact **SHARE (864) 224-7028** or **(864) 269-0700**.

Anderson Interfaith Ministries – They offer programs for school aged kids and provides an Emergency Assistance Program. Qualified individuals can get help paying utilities, rent expenses, and get money for security deposits for housing, and work-related assistance. Other aid offered includes firewood, food stamp outreach, a Home Repair and Improvement Program. The agency also coordinates minor home repairs or modification for low income individuals. **(864) 226-2273**

Catholic Charities also provides services to Anderson families. While funds are limited, they can help with utilities and rent and mortgage payments. Also access a program known as SAVE A SMILE (restorative dental care dentures for low-income families with no health insurance). They can also refer people to local charities and South Carolina government programs. **(864) 242-2233**.

American Red Cross Upstate Chapter – Disaster Assistance **(864) 225-8666**

United Way - A non-profit that provides emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance. 604 N. Murray Avenue, Anderson, SC 29625 **(864) 226-3438** or **211** from any phone.

Salvation Army offers aid for the low income, poor, disabled, and seniors in the Anderson County region. The non-profit does have limited resources, but if they can't help you then they may have referrals. Some of the emergency assistance and social services offered can include money for paying rent or utility bills, a food pantry, soup kitchen, and shelter. Case managers can also help the unemployed find a job or attend training in South Carolina and a number of self-sufficiency services are available. **(864) 226-4344**

Clemson Community Care provides aid for the Clemson, Central and Pendleton communities. Their services include food programs, SNAP application, utility bill assistance, homeless support, holiday program, back to school supplies, home repair, and referral service. 105 Anderson HWY Clemson, SC 29631 **(864) 653-4460**

Piedmont Emergency Relief Center

Location is 3 Main St.

Piedmont, SC 29673

Phone - **(864) 845-5535**

A free food bank is on site. Rice, meats, dairy, and more is offered in a crisis.

AID Upstate

(864) 250-0607

Food, medical care, and other support is only for HIV and AIDs impacted families.

Good Neighbor Cupboard

313 South Towers St.

Anderson, South Carolina 29624

(864) 224-1701

Hot meals, Home delivery, and a free food bank is on site for low income and less fortunate families. For more details, call **(803) 254-4432**.

Golden Harvest Food Bank – Provides meals and resources for food in your area.

1-866-484-6829

Department of Social Services – Administers economic assistance programs including federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medicaid. 224 McGee Rd, Anderson, SC 29625

(864) 260-4100

Anderson Housing Authority (Section 8) - provide the low income, elderly, and disabled residents of Anderson affordable housing. 1335 East River Street, Anderson, SC **(864) 260-5120**

Welvista - Helps uninsured and underserved South Carolinians gain access to prescriptions and pediatric dentistry. **1-800-983-3339** or **(803)933-9184** <https://www.welvista.org/>

South Carolina Drug Card - A free statewide discount prescription assistance program to help uninsured and underinsured residents afford their prescriptions.

<https://southcarolinadrugcard.com/>

SC Legal Aid Services - Provides free legal assistance in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low-income residents of South Carolina. **Greenville Office: (864) 679-3232 or Intake Line: 1-(888) 346-5592**

Contact Your State Representatives – www.scstatehouse.gov