Southeast Service Cooperative

Annual Report and Plan

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A Year of Focused Implementation and a Future of Outstanding Customer Service and Membership Growth

As we look forward to the year ahead, we are inspired by our continued commitment to focus, service, and growth. Building upon the solid foundation laid through the COMPASS and READ Act initiatives, SSC remains steadfast in its mission to deliver exceptional support, foster meaningful partnerships, and provide high-quality professional development opportunities to our members. This year is dedicated to outstanding customer service and membership growth — ensuring that every initiative and partnership contributes to meeting our members' needs.

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SSC: Recipient of "Best Places to Work" 2025

Shaping the Future

for communities of leaders and learners

Mission Statement

We mobilize resources, add value, and promote continuous improvement through member-focused solutions.

Core Competencies

- Collaborative Culture
- Customer Focused Service Design
- Intentional Agility

Core Values

Integrity. We carry out our work with high levels of responsibility, accountability, and ethics.

Excellence. We are forward-thinking, competent, efficient, and effective.

Relationships. We facilitate collaboration with respect and a passion to serve.

Recognitions

2025 BEST places to work SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA

msp Wellness CHAMPION

Healthy Work Culture — American Heart Association. Well-being Works Better — 2024 GOLD

Breastfeeding Friendly

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Strengthening School Support Through COMPASS and the READ Act



COMPASS work at Pine Island

Our commitment to supporting schools through COMPASS (Collaborative Minnesota Partnerships to Advance Student Success) and the READ Act remains at the forefront of our work. SSC, alongside all nine Minnesota Service Cooperatives, has developed highly skilled and collaborative teams dedicated to MnMTSS, literacy, math, school climate and culture, attendance, equitable access to high-quality learning environments, and culturally responsive instructional leadership. Through this work, we are ensuring that every school has FREE access to the tools, expertise, and professional learning needed to advance student success across Minnesota.



Professional Development offerings

Commitment to Professional Development

We continue to prioritize the professional growth of our members by offering relevant, high-impact professional learning opportunities. Our programs are designed to empower educators, administrators, and leaders to meet evolving needs and deliver excellence in teaching and learning. SSC's professional development offerings reflect our deep belief that investing in people is the most powerful way to create lasting impact.



School Health Conference



SSC Board Member at MSC Conference

A Culture of Service



2025 SSC Open House

As a service organization, SSC is deeply rooted in its commitment to outstanding customer service. Every interaction, initiative, and partnership is guided by our dedication to responsiveness, quality, and member satisfaction. We strive to anticipate the needs of our members and deliver value that exceeds expectations — whether through tailored support, timely communication, or innovative program delivery.



Career-Connected Learning event

Partnerships and Collaboration

Partnerships are at the heart of everything we do. SSC continues to cultivate and expand local, regional, state, and even national collaborations with schools, government entities, nonprofits, and community organizations to maximize our collective impact. These partnerships strengthen our shared mission to provide equitable, high-quality educational opportunities and innovative solutions.

Expanding Membership and Services



Networking at Wood Lake Meeting Center

Looking ahead, one of our strategic goals is to expand membership and broaden our services — particularly in local government. By building strong relationships, establishing trust, and aligning services with the needs of new and existing members, SSC will continue to grow its network and reinforce its role as a trusted partner in education and community support.



Advancing CS Tour



Welding Competition



MS Academy



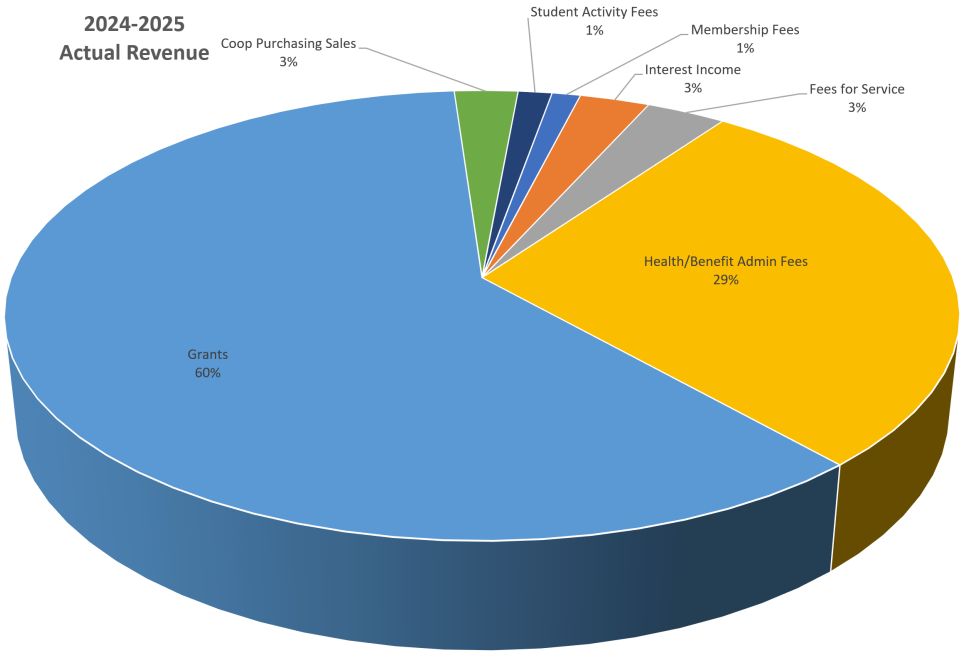
Hospitality Event at Kahler

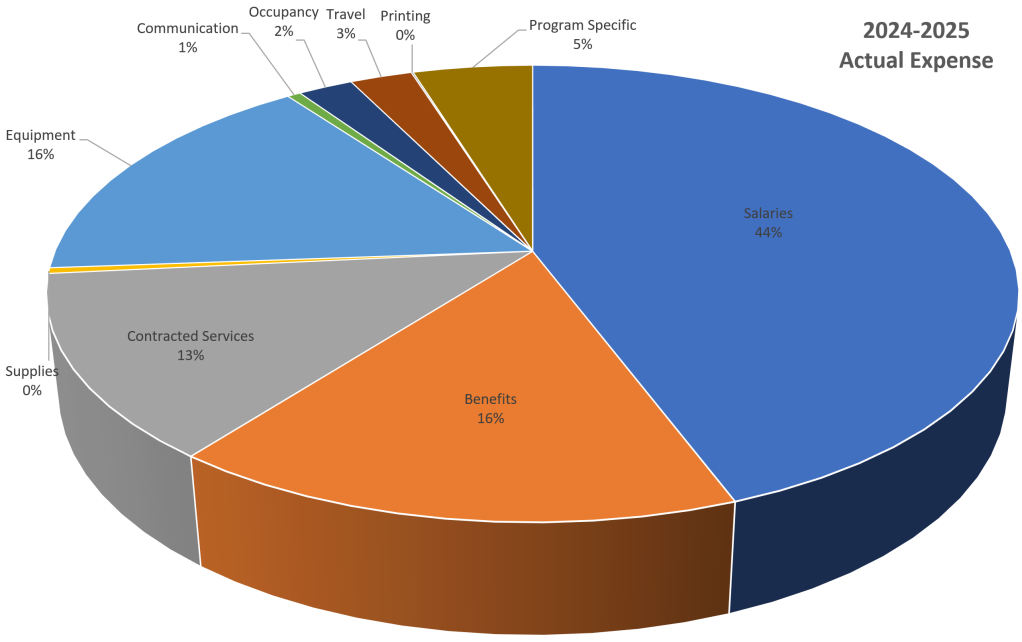


Legislative Breakfast

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SSC is a membership organization and is statutorily designated as a public entity, independent school district. SSC has no levy authority or tax base and does not receive local, state, or federal aid. This is important in comparing SSC's financial statements with other public entities. Revenue is generated to provide services and programs, and a reserve fund helps to ensure continuing operations and programming. The following data is summary information, and does not include health premiums and claims. Complete financial data is available from the fiscal audit at www.ssc.coop.

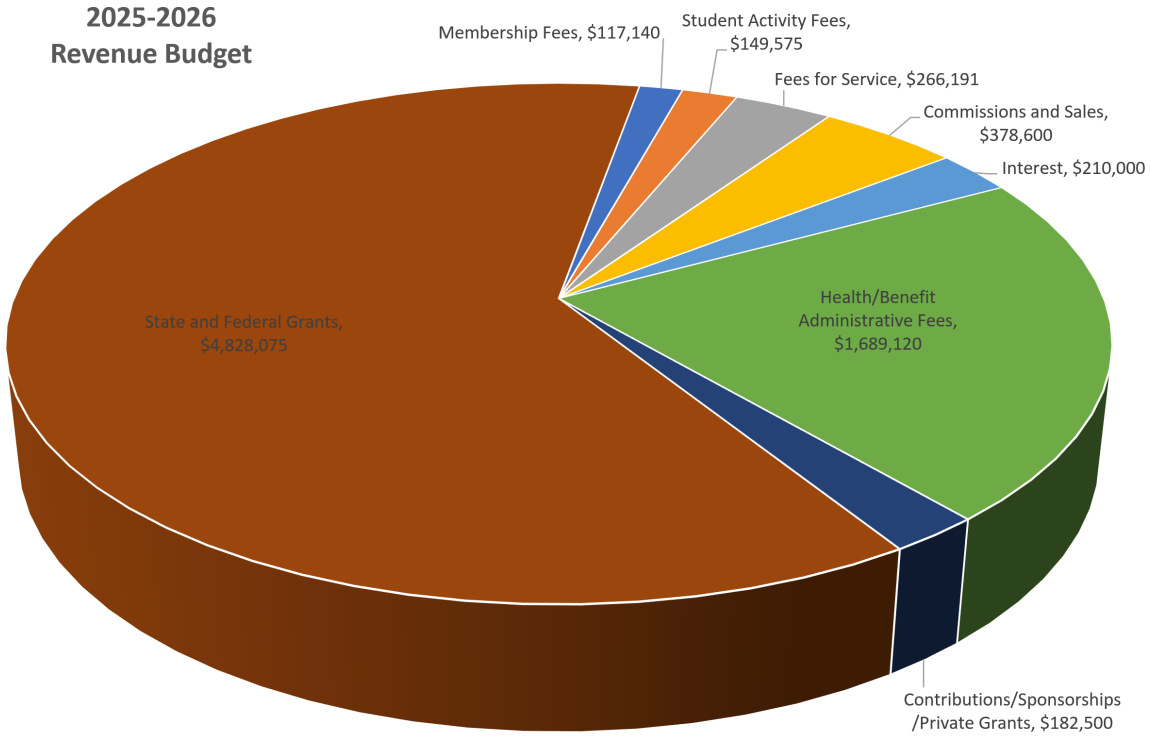


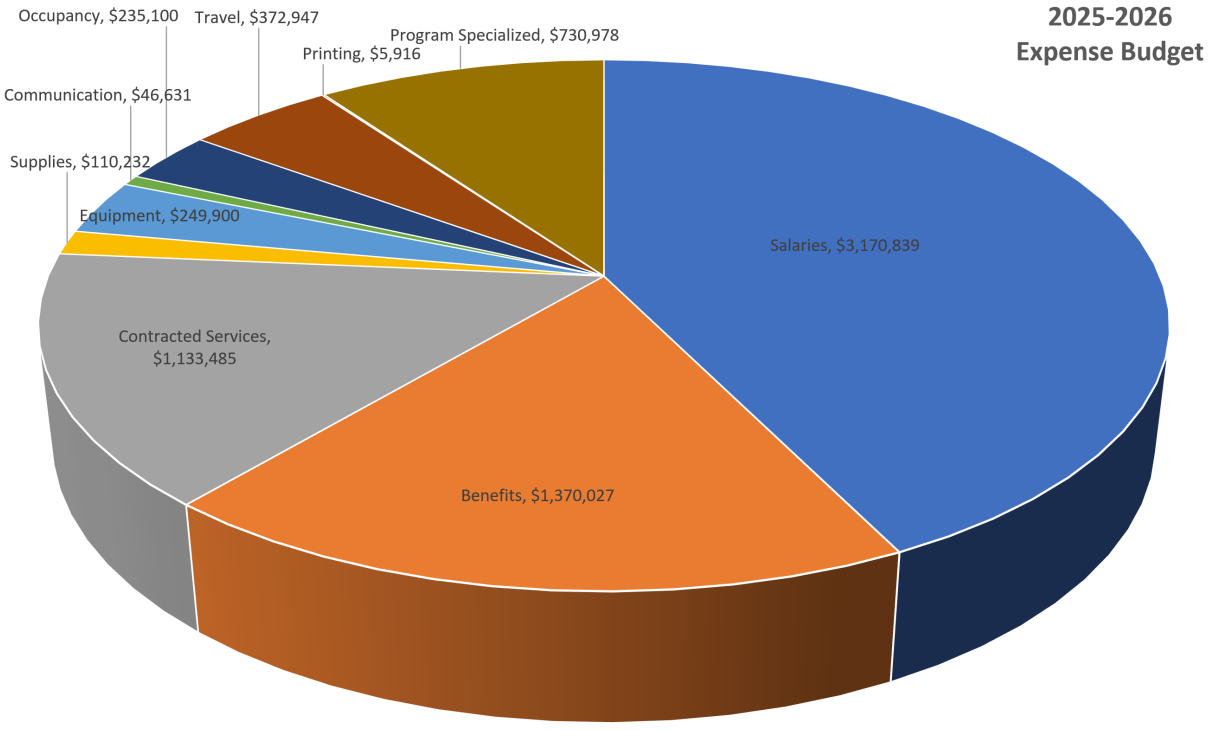


Annual Plan 2025-2026

Budget goals:

- Build program participation in all programs post-pandemic
- Use reserves to support funding gap with career and technical ed work
- Maintain health insurance reserves at needed levels
- Support the continuation of marketing SSC to membership
- Continuing technology upgrades and improvements
- Stay responsive to member needs





Board of Directors, Advisory Groups, and Staff Information

Current Board of Directors

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Staff Volunteer Day | Staff Co-working

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Spelling Bee Finals | Outstanding Educator Awards | Educator Forum | Discover Healthcare | STEM Day at the Fair