

GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
**FOOD INITIATIVE**  
CULTIVATING A NEW FOOD SYSTEM

**TAKE ACTION**

Fully fund the FY24 Executive budget recommendation for the Food Initiative to continue to build a robust food system that grows, transports, and serves food to the New Mexicans that need it the most.

The Food Initiative is Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's deeply rooted commitment to improving and building a robust food system that measurably reduces hunger and improves equitable access to nutritious, culturally meaningful foods for all New Mexicans.

**SUCCESSES/WHAT WE'VE DONE**

- Partnered with 991 farms and ranches
- Worked with more than 429 community-based partners
- Served 2.4 million meals across 33 counties

**CONSOLIDATED BUDGET REQUEST**

Using DFA as a mechanism for collaboration, performance measure tracking, and program integration across federal, state, and privately funded food security programs is a win-win for the Executive, the Legislature, and the Public. All of whom want to see a more systemic approach to New Mexico's food systems challenges.

**\$56.6M\***  
**\$20M Capital**

FY24 Executive Recommendation

**\$8.2M\***  
**\$10M Capital**

FY24 LFC Recommendation

*\*General Fund*



## FOOD INITIATIVE BUDGET PRIORITIES

This year's state budget included more than \$75 million – the largest investment increase in food and agriculture in the state's history. Budget highlights include:

### Kids Kitchens

- **Healthy Universal School Meals** – SB4, which protects the right of every child – regardless of income or circumstance – to healthy, no-cost breakfast and lunch while at school.
- **School Kitchen Improvements**, \$20 million in capital funding to invest in the renovation and improvement of school kitchens statewide.
- **New Mexico Grown for Schools**, additional funding for the purchase of New Mexico grown, raised, or processed agricultural products.
- **School Nutrition Training and Workforce Development**, invest in training, technical assistance, and workforce pipeline development for K-12 nutrition programs.

### No Elder Hungry

- **State SNAP Supplement for Seniors and Disabled Individuals**, which provides an additional 42,487 seniors and disabled individuals with \$225 monthly.
- **Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program**, which expands farmer's market nutrition incentives for an additional 20,000 seniors through the Senior and WIC Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

### Emergency Food Assistance and Innovation

- **Community Food Assistance Program**, which funds food bank, food pantry, and Tribal food assistance for 254,000 households across the state.
- **College Food Security Program**, which provides grab and go healthy meals, low cost or free access to campus dining plans, and innovations to food distribution systems to support up to 17,500 food insecure students.

### Farm, Ranch, and Food Business Success

- **New Mexico Grown**, which builds the market for farmers, ranchers, and food businesses to provide food to more than 284,000 individuals.
- **Farm and Ranch Development Program**, which invests in internships, apprenticeships, and training programs for more than 642 farmers, ranchers, and food businesses.

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FOOD INITIATIVE

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**FOOD INITIATIVE  
FY24 BUDGET REQUEST  
(dollars in thousands)**

Agency Name	BUDGET ITEM DESCRIPTION	FY23 RECURRING	FY24 RECURRING	DIFFERENCE	FY23 NON-RECURRING	FY24 NON-RECURRING	DIFFERENCE	FY24 EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION
ALTSO	NM Grown for Seniors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.0	\$ 602.4	\$ 202.4	\$ 602.4
ALTSO	Rural Pantries & Meal Vouchers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 692.0	\$ 750.0	\$ 58.0	\$ 750.0
ALTSO	Medicaid Prescription Food Boxes for Homebound Seniors (LTSS)	\$ -	\$ 1,200.0	\$ 1,200.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.0
ALTSO	Food Security FTE	\$ 81.1	\$ 81.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81.1
	<b>ALTSO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 81.1</b>	<b>\$ 1,281.1</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,092.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,352.4</b>	<b>\$ 260.4</b>	<b>\$ 2,633.5</b>
DOH	Mobile technology improvement for nutrition incentive programs	\$ 108.4	\$ 208.4	\$ 100.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 208.4
DOH	Senior & WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 1,000.0
DOH	Senior & WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program FTEs	\$ -	\$ 190.8	\$ 190.8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190.8
DOH	State Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.0	\$ 500.0	\$ -	\$ 500.0
	<b>DOH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 108.4</b>	<b>\$ 399.2</b>	<b>\$ 290.8</b>	<b>\$ 500.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,899.2</b>
HED	College Food Security Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 1,500.0	\$ 500.0	\$ 1,500.0
	<b>HED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 500.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.0</b>
HSD	Community Food Assistance Program (Tribes, food banks, food pantries)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,784.9	\$ 10,000.0	\$ 4,215.1	\$ 10,000.0
HSD	State SNAP Supplement for Seniors and Disabled Individuals	\$ -	\$ 3,118.0	\$ 3,118.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,118.0
HSD	Food Security FTE	\$ 81.1	\$ 81.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81.1
	<b>HSD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 81.1</b>	<b>\$ 3,199.1</b>	<b>\$ 3,118.0</b>	<b>\$ 5,784.9</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 4,215.1</b>	<b>\$ 13,199.1</b>
ECECD	New Mexico Grown for Preschools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.0	\$ 300.0	\$ -	\$ 300.0
ECECD	Summer Food and Supper Enhancement/Expansion Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.0	\$ 700.0	\$ (800.0)	\$ 700.0
	<b>ECECD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.0</b>	<b>\$ (800.0)</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.0</b>
EDD	Healthy Food Financing Initiative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.0	\$ 500.0	\$ 100.0	\$ 500.0
EDD	Food Security FTE	\$ 81.1	\$ 81.1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 81.1
	<b>EDD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 81.1</b>	<b>\$ 81.1</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 400.0</b>	<b>\$ 500.0</b>	<b>\$ 100.0</b>	<b>\$ 581.1</b>
NMDA	Double Up Food Bucks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 956.7	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 43.3	\$ 1,000.0
NMDA	Healthy Soil Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 1,000.0	\$ -	\$ 1,000.0
NMDA	Farmer and Rancher Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.0	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 550.0	\$ 1,000.0
NMDA	Administrative support FTEs	\$ 166.8	\$ 166.8	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 166.8
	<b>NMDA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 166.8</b>	<b>\$ 166.8</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,406.7</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 593.3</b>	<b>\$ 3,166.8</b>
PED	New Mexico Grown for Schools additional incentive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 1,200.0	\$ 2,000.0
PED	Healthy Universal School Meals *includes PED nutrition funding*	\$ -	\$ 30,000.0	\$ 30,000.0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.0
PED	Meal Quality Improvement staff support	\$ -	\$ 108.0	\$ 108.0	\$ -	\$ 300.0	\$ 300.0	\$ 408.0
	<b>PED TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 30,108.0</b>	<b>\$ 30,108.0</b>	<b>\$ 800.0</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 32,408.0</b>
DFA	Food Security Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.0	\$ -	\$ (10,000.0)	\$ -
DFA	Administrative & operating support	\$ 181.5	\$ 181.5	\$ -	\$ 216.4	\$ -	\$ (216.4)	\$ 181.5
	<b>DFA TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 181.5</b>	<b>\$ 181.5</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,216.4</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,216.4</b>	<b>\$ 181.50</b>
	<b>FY24 BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 700.0</b>	<b>\$ 35,416.8</b>	<b>\$ 34,716.8</b>	<b>\$ 24,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 21,152.4</b>	<b>\$ (2,847.6)</b>	<b>\$ 56,569.2</b>



**BUDGET DETAILS**