



NEW MEXICO
FOOD, FARM, & HUNGER INITIATIVE

“Statewide Hunger Initiative”
Legislative Session
2022





1 in 7 New Mexicans face food insecurity and it's more drastic for children, seniors, and college students in rural and Tribal communities.

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Introduction

The FY23 Executive Budget Recommendation was developed by the Governor's Office in partnership with the Food, Farm, and Hunger Steering Committee. The Committee consists of over 250 members from 25 counties in New Mexico representing farmers and ranchers, nutrition professionals, community-based organizations, state legislators, state agencies, and other food system stakeholders.



State Agency Base Budget Requests

State agencies are committed to addressing the urgent food security needs of New Mexicans. *Eight of twelve* participating state agencies included funding requests for the statewide hunger initiative in their FY23 appropriation requests. Agency requests submitted in September 2021 to the Department and Finance and Administration (DFA) and Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) included information about this critical inter-agency initiative. State agencies also presented their base budget expansion requests to the LFC and other committees during the interim session.

\$14,286,100

**FY23 Executive
Recommendation**

\$8,000,000

**H AFC Non-Recurring
\$ 700,000 Recurring
(1/30/22)**

\$5,586,100

Funding Still Needed

Note: LFC recommended one-time funding (\$5 million) for food banks in the 2021 Special Session.

Consolidated Budget Mechanics

DFA has a positive track record and the required mechanics of transferring funding to other state agencies for complex initiatives like the Hunger Initiative. Using DFA avoids creating and funding a new agency to oversee and integrate the state's 30+ food and nutrition programs. Instead, we are using existing DFA mechanisms for collaboration across agencies. This approach is a win-win for the Executive, the Legislature, and the Public, all of whom want to see a more systemic approach to NM's food insecurity and food system challenges.

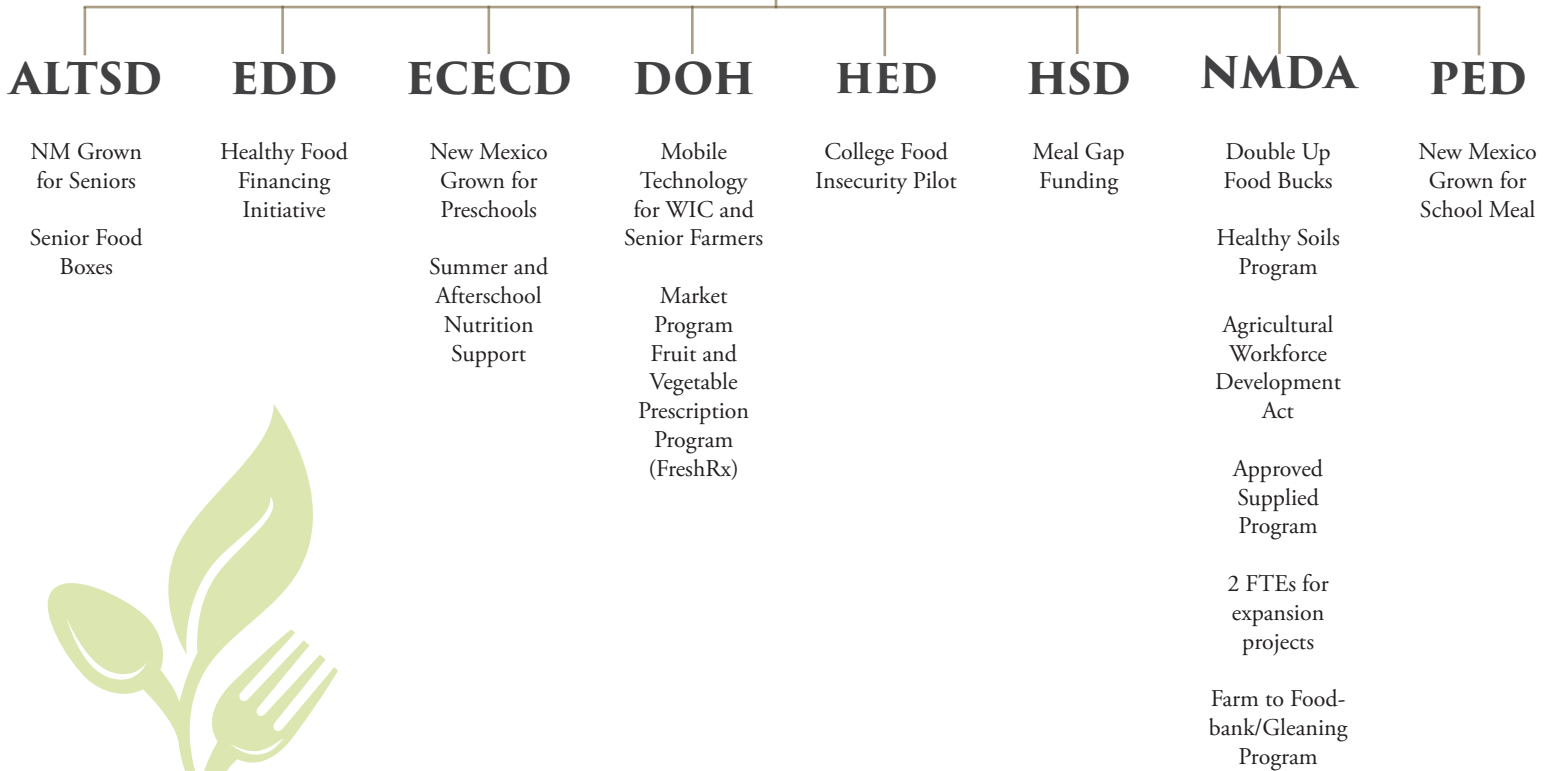
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HB 2

Funding included in HB 2, funds appropriated to DFA



DFA develops data dashboard and shared metrics across agency collaborative, DFA allocates funds to 8 partner agencies, DFA tracks progress and manages impact data, DFA recommends system improvements across agency collaborative.



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