

2020 Legislative Priorities

Stakeholders	Issues	Legislative Requests	Consensus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants in NMF Town Halls 	Policy Domains- Healthcare; Education; Natural Resources; Economic Development; Good Governance	Learn more about the New Mexico First Town Hall 38-42 Recommendations Summaries by clicking on the link.	Town Hall Reports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alzheimer Association Center for Health Innovation Center for Law and Policy Farm to Table Feeding Santa Fe Food Depot Food and Agriculture Policy Health Action New Mexico Hunger Caucus Interfaith Hunger Coalition Meals on Wheels National Center for Frontier Communities New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association New Mexico First 	Hunger Task Force	<p>Priority 1 Data-Informed Decision-Making \$200K in HB 75 & HM6 in the Human Services Department budget to develop a State-of-the-State Report analyzing the connections between hunger, malnutrition, agriculture, food distribution, and storage. HM 6 a Fight Hunger Memorial empowering a taskforce to work cross-sector to identify the state's assets, gaps and barriers related to the goal of ensuring that all New Mexico residents are able to have a nutritious and sufficient diet.</p> <p>Priority 2 Local Food Systems and Resilient Local Agriculture \$100K in the Department of Health budget to expand the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program providing seniors with vouchers to be able to purchase NM-grown fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets. 97,000 low-income seniors are eligible for this program, but current federal and state funds only provide enough funds for 16,000 seniors to participate.</p> <p>\$100K in the Aging and Long-Term Service budget to Purchase NM Grown Fruits and Vegetables for Senior Meals Programs. Allows city, county and tribal run senior centers to purchase NM grown fruits and vegetables. New in 2019, this program aims to serve seniors across the state and create a new economic market for farmers.</p>	<p>Priority 1: 2016-Present NMF Town Hall 41, Recommendation 2- Fund Innovation, Quality, and Alignment; and</p> <p>Recommendation 7- Build a Results-Driven Government; and</p> <p>Recommendation 9- Advance Family-Friendly Policies</p> <p>Priority 2: 2016-Present Ag Plan-over 600 diverse agriculture stakeholders who continue to engage to support resilient agriculture in NM; and</p> <p>Town Hall 39 Centennial Recommendation 6- Economic Base Industries</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Mexico Nutrition and Dietetics • New Mexico Thrives • North Central New Mexico Economic Development • Roadrunner Food Bank • University of New Mexico, Honors College • Voices for Children 		<p>\$500K recurring in the Public Education Nutrition and Wellness Department to expand the NM Grown Produce for School Meals. This incentive helps school districts learn how to purchase local produce and build it into this budget. In 2018-19 schools purchased \$1.15+ million.</p> <p>\$150K in the Department of Agriculture to expand resources for developing New Mexico local food and farming systems including value chain coordination and food safety systems that Support the SNAP Double Up Food Bucks program and local producer sales to retail and institutional outlets.</p> <p><u>Priority 3 Increase Emergency Food Assistance to Hungry New Mexicans and the Monthly Food Budget for Low-Income Families</u></p> <p>\$1.5M in HB2 in the Public Education Department to Eliminate Reduced-price Copays for breakfast and lunch for approximately 12,463 students at 185% of the FPL.</p> <p>\$500K recurring in the Human Services Department budget for food banks to Procure Food with a Stable Shelf Life for all 33 counties.</p> <p>\$100K in the Higher Education budget to pilot a Fight College Hunger initiative.</p> <p>\$1.485M in HB 2 for Human Service Department budget to create a state funded energy assistance program "Heat and Eat" for 68,000 families eligible for SNAP benefits. This will increase SNAP benefits by \$90 per month for each of those families.</p> <p>\$3.7M for Human Service Department budget to Upgrade Employment and Training program for SNAP recipients who are Able-bodied Adults without Dependents. This will prevent 27,000 New Mexicans from losing SNAP benefits.</p> <p>\$1.8M for the Human Services Department TANF Transitional Bonus Program. This provides an additional \$200 a month in cash assistance for up to 18 months for TANF participants that maintain 30 hours or more a month in paid employment.</p> <p>\$3M in the Children Youth and Families Department budget to Expand Coverage for Child Care Assistance by eliminating co-pays for families with incomes below 100% of the FPL and \$27 M for capping co-payments for families at 7% of income.</p> <p>\$200 K for Tax Help New Mexico to restore funding for tax preparation help for people of low income. This would return 13-22% of the tax</p>	<p>Priority 3- 2016-Present NMF Town Hall 41, Recommendation 9- Advance Family-Friendly Policies</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts of the Food, Ag, Policy Council (Multi-group organization) • Efforts of NMF and NMSU to convene over 600 stakeholders throughout NM ranging from farmers, ranchers, producers, soil and water conservationists, researchers, agriculture activists, and more to develop the guiding recommendations in the Ag Plan 		<p>HB253 - NMSU Agricultural Programs and NM SB177 - NMSU Agricultural Programs to Support K-12 Ag Education, Workforce Development, Value-chain, Land and Water Health, and Economic Vitality Efforts</p> <p>One hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to develop and promote market opportunities for farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in New Mexico;</p> <p>One hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to carry out the New Mexico agriculture workforce development program pursuant to the Agriculture Workforce Act;</p> <p>Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to carry out the 4-H, food and agriculture experiential learning programs;</p> <p>Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to carry out the healthy soil program pursuant to the Healthy Soil Act. This appropriation is in addition to funding in the General Appropriations Act of 2020.</p> <p>Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to carry out the New Mexico state university’s center of excellence in sustainable agricultural systems program;</p>	<p>2016-Present Ag Plan-over 600 diverse agriculture stakeholders who continue to engage to support resilient agriculture in NM and November 2019 Ag Resilience Convening Report</p>

		<p>Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to carry out the New Mexico state university to maintain agricultural experimental station research facilities statewide;</p> <p>Four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for eight 4-H program staff positions;</p> <p>One hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$127,000) for the college of agricultural, consumer, and environmental sciences' farmer and rancher resource center;</p> <p>Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the strategic doing program to hire a strategic planning facilitator and a project coordinator and fund other operating costs of the program.</p> <p>HB166 to Support Healthy Soil Program, Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the New Mexico department of agriculture for soil and water conservation districts to carry out the provisions of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act;</p> <p>HB168 Statewide Ag Ed Programs Funding-Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to continue to support statewide agricultural education programs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The New Mexicans for Ethics Coalition includes: 	<p>Good Governance and Full funding for</p>	<p>NM HB189 General Appropriation Act Of 2020 \$1,244,000 FY 2021 for the NM Ethics Commission to fulfill statutory authority related to processing, investigating, and adjudicating complaints filed against public officials, public employees, candidates, government contractors,</p>	<p>Statewide Focus Groups- Establishing a New Mexico Ethics Commission: Benefits, Drawbacks, and Alternatives 2016</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI) ○ New Mexico Common Cause ○ New Mexico Ethics Watch ○ New Mexico First ○ New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (NMFOG) ○ New Mexico League of Women Voters ○ New Mexico Press Association 	<p>the New Mexico Ethics Commission</p>	<p>lobbyists/lobbyist employers. There is enforcement and advisory responsibility for over 59,000 individuals. Additionally, the NM Ethics Commission is responsible for developing a model code and educating people and agencies within its jurisdiction on ethics.</p> <p>\$385,000 FY 2020 Supplemental</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council 	<p>Resilient Agriculture</p>		<p>Alignment with the 2016 Ag Plan</p>