



Scratch Cooking Pilot Program

Funding Opportunity for New Mexico Early Childhood Centers

Earn \$0.65 Per Scratch-Cooked Meal

- Participating centers receive an additional \$0.65 for every CACFP lunch or supper that meets scratch-cooking criteria.
- Centers that meet the criteria earn the Scratch Cooking Nutrition Badge to showcase their commitment to fresh, nutritious meals.

Optional Start-Up Funding

Centers may apply for one-time start-up funds to support scratch cooking through kitchen equipment, staff training or wage support, minor facility modifications, or other allowable improvements.

(Awards contingent on available funding. Requests may not exceed \$50,000 total. Equipment and minor facility modification requests may not exceed \$5,000 per item.)

Eligibility

Centers must:

- ✓ Participate in CACFP and serve lunch and/or supper
- ✓ Have an active Cooperative Agreement and CACFP EPICS account
- ✓ Operate a permitted self-prep kitchen (on-site or central kitchen)

Applications Due: Wednesday, January 7

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