

Food Security Bridge Fund

Now Open for Applications!

Purpose of the Fund:

This one-time grant supports food security for children ages 0–13 outside of regular child care hours. Funds must be used to improve family awareness, access, and participation in available food assistance programs.

Funds may be used for activities that provide food to children when child care services are not available, including but not limited to:

- ✓ Weekend food backpack programs
- ✓ Food boxes provided to families during breaks in service
- ✓ Food pantries for families and associated costs
- ✓ Partnerships with community organizations to support outreach and education

Who Can Apply?

Organizations participating in the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP), including:

- Child care centers
- Homes providers (licensed or registered)
- NM community-based PreK programs
- Out-of-school time programs
- Tribal child care programs
- Early Head Start & Head Start programs

Possible Funding Ranges are Based on Enrollment:

- 12 children or fewer: \$2,500–\$5,000
- 13–50 children: \$5,000–\$10,000
- 51–100 children: \$10,000–\$15,000
- 101–200 children: \$15,000–\$20,000
- 200+ children: \$20,000–\$25,000



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Applications Due: February 7, 2026

All Funds Must be Spent by May 31, 2027

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