



Economic Council Helping Others, Inc.

ECHO's mission is to provide resources and education to individuals and families on their journey to improve their lives!



A Community Action Agency of NM

501(c)(3) Non-Profit Established 1967

Aztec Preschool

Raising Future Leaders

The mission is to provide an affordable, caring, safe, and secure learning environment for the children of our community.

Fast Facts:

- 4 Star Preschool/NM PreK
- Ages 2 - 12 years old
- Interactive Field Trips
- Capacity for 63 children
- Reading and language development through Heggerty-style lessons.
- Early start on STEAM skills with an age-appropriate curriculum in mathematics and scientific discovery
- Curriculum that promotes academic readiness for a smooth transition into the public-school learning environment.
- Promotes school readiness & a lifetime love of learning



Emergency Programs

ECHO provides both financial and practical assistance to help residents navigate difficult times. This program is funded by the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), private donations and grants.



Annual Rent & Mortgage Assistance

- **First Month Rent**
- **Current Rent or Mortgage**
- **1-2 months Past Due Rent**



Utility Assistance

- **City of Farmington Bill in Arrears**
- **San Juan County Utility bills in Arrears**



Other Programs

- **Annual Funeral Assistance**
- **Hygiene and Diaper Kits**
- **Back-to-School Clothing and Supplies**
- **Outreach Distributions: Books, jackets, socks, toys, and other donated items.**

Food Bank Programs

We gather, store, and distribute food to support low-income individuals.

We obtain food from farmers, distributors, grocers, food drives, and state and national food bank networks.



Emergency Food Box

Emergency Food Boxes (EFB) are provided up to 4 times in 12 months for individuals or families in crisis.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP USDA Food)

TEFAP provides twice-monthly surplus USDA commodity foods for income-qualified New Mexico households and select non-profit hunger relief organizations.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP USDA) Free Food for Seniors

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides free monthly nutritious food, recipes, basic nutrition information, and referrals to other programs for New Mexico resident seniors 60 years and up.

Food and Nutrition Program (FaN)

FaNs provides special diet boxes each month to individuals on specially prescribed diets (such as medically fragile, diabetes, etc.) who cannot qualify for other programs. The client must provide a Doctor's Note to be considered for the program.

Food Bank Programs Continued

Agency Surplus Program (ASP)

The ASP provides food items at or below cost to other non-profit feeding programs. The food banking network has specific requirements for all agencies and church pantries to participate.

Meals For Kids Backpack Program

The Meals for Kids Backpack Program is emergency food assistance for school-aged children who face food insecurity.

ECHO collaborates with schools across San Juan County by providing kid-friendly, easy-to-open food in backpacks. The school's social worker teams identify students they believe are at risk of going hungry and distribute the backpacks to them.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

"The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits to individuals and families to buy healthy food from grocery stores, farmers markets, and other locations. SNAP helps New Mexicans stretch their food budget and brings federal dollars into New Mexico." NM Health Care Authority

ECHO partners with NM Health Care Authority to offer the community assistance with:

- Policy Review
- New Application Assistance
- Uploading Documents
- Recertification Assistance



Year-to-date Numbers



Emergency Programs

Assistance

\$250,000 of assistance

7,000 individuals

3,000 families



Food Bank

Food distributed 1,913,137lbs

10,000 Meals for Kids Backpacks

7,000 Households (45,000 Meals)

4,000 Seniors (27,195 Meals)



Reduction of Funding Effects

1. The Community Block Grant (CSBG) provides critical funding to Community Action Agencies, like ECHO. If the budget is cut, it will impact programs and activities that alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities across the state.

For ECHO, **that is a loss of funding for Educational, Rental, and Utility assistance programs.**

2. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds were cut **by 16% in the spring of 2025. That equates to \$88,291.00.**

3. We are not expected to receive CCC Funding for FY2026, which cuts ECHO's food purchases by about \$551,013.

This cut impacts TEFAP, though CSFP (Seniors) has not been affected yet.

4. On a practical note, the **reduction of funding eliminates eggs, milk, and proteins.** This puts a strain on the Food Bank to purchase these items, along with other foods, to bridge the gap in no CCC funding for FY2026

Comparative Summary

January 2024 to July 2024

TEFAP: 23,019 (Households)
 CSFP: 4,256 (Individuals)

Households Served

January 2025 to July 2025

TEFAP: 25,652 (Households)
 CSFP: 5,058 (Individuals)

Food Distributed

TEFAP: 519,792lbs, \$625,123.48

TEFAP: 394,567lbs, \$429,511.58

Purchased Food

Roadrunner Produce: 244,912lbs, \$41,635.04
 Purchased: 4,676lbs, \$6,095.16
 NM Grown Produce: 16,477lbs, \$60,673.53

Roadrunner Produce: 365,786lbs, \$62,183.62
 Purchased: 49,208lbs, \$138,787.58
 NM Grown Produce: 22,753lbs, \$81,917.00
 Purchased Produce: 75,375lbs, \$111,869.64

Total Purchased: 289,065lbs, \$108,403.73

Total Purchased: 513,122lbs, \$394,757.97

**TEFAP = The Emergency Food Assistance Program
 **CSFP = Commodity Supplemental Food Program



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Losing the CCC funding for FY2026, which amounts to approximately \$551,013, translates to approximately 450,000 pounds of food that will need to be supplemented.

Additionally, losing the Community Block Grant (CSBG) funding will impact programs and activities that alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities across the state. For ECHO, that is a loss of funding for Educational, Rental, and Utility assistance programs.

Thank You!