

1 SENATE BILL 194

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
12 TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTERS TO  
13 PROMOTE THE EXPANSION AND SUSTAINED GROWTH OF LOCAL FARMS,  
14 RANCHES AND FOOD ENTREPRENEURS AND THE PRODUCTION, MARKETING  
15 AND DISTRIBUTION OF NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

19 A. Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is  
20 appropriated from the general fund to the economic development  
21 department for expenditure in fiscal year 2021 to contract with  
22 community economic development centers in Bernalillo and  
23 Sandoval counties to promote:

24 (1) the expansion and sustained growth of  
25 local farms, ranches and food entrepreneurs;

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(2) value-added services support and improvements to the complete process from origin of local foods through distribution to the marketplace;

(3) market and facility development and improved infrastructure;

(4) intrastate, e-commerce, local, regional and international trade of New Mexican food products; and

(5) community education to expand awareness and promote the benefits of good nutrition through the purchase of clearly labeled food.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.