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HOUSE BILL 186

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

A. Four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) is
appropriated from the general fund to the economic development
department for expenditure in fiscal year 2023 to contract with
community economic development centers to promote:

- (1) the expansion and sustained growth of
local farms, ranches, community kitchens and food

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entrepreneurs;
(2) value-added services support and
improvements to the complete process from origin of local foods
through distribution to the marketplace; and
(3) market and facility development and
improved infrastructure.

B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the general
fund.