



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-397

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS TO THE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”) provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being;

WHEREAS, currently around 460,000 New Mexicans—nearly one quarter of our population—depend on federal SNAP dollars to continue providing food for their families and avoid food insecurity;

WHEREAS, access to food benefits under the federal SNAP program was limited by President Trump’s signing of the budget reconciliation bill, previously known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” which imposed limits on who could receive the benefits;

WHEREAS, Congress has been unable to reach an agreement to fund the federal government, which has led to a “shutdown” of the federal government now for nearly a month;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has announced a suspension of all SNAP benefits beginning November 1, 2025, if Congress has not reached a funding agreement by that time;

WHEREAS, it is unclear when Congress will reach an agreement to fund the federal government;

WHEREAS, even if Congress appropriates funding for SNAP benefits before November 1, New Mexicans will likely experience significant delays receiving food benefits, as the majority of states use the same vendor who will have to process all those state orders simultaneously;

WHEREAS, SNAP benefits being delayed, much less coming to a halt, will endanger the lives of millions of Americans, including hundreds of thousands of New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, this emergency requires immediate action to protect public peace, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and required the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic or physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist in the State of New Mexico, and **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) to the Health Care Authority in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. Such funds shall be expended for the purpose of providing nutritional assistance to those otherwise eligible for SNAP benefits. Such funds shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor, or an agent or agency designated by her for that purpose.

2. The Health Care Authority shall coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or her

Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor or her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action exceeds their available resources, as determined based upon criteria developed in conjunction with the State agencies, if any, with financial and budgetary oversight responsibilities for the applicant.

3. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall provide any assistance that may be required by the Health Care Authority.

I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until all authorized funds are expended or no longer necessary to provide emergency assistance.


ATTEST:


MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR