

**Homeless Meals Program Fact Sheet**

1. **What is the Homeless Meals program?**

The Homeless Meals Program provides nutritionally balanced congregate meals to homeless people at homeless shelters and soup kitchens. It builds partnerships with homeless shelter agencies to expand resources and opportunities for homeless individuals and families.

1. **Funding**

New Mexico’s Human Services Department (HSD) Food and Nutrition Services Bureau (FANS) administers the Homeless Meals Program which receives state funds appropriated by the NM Legislature.

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| **SFY** | **Funding** |
| **2014** | $193,500 |
| **2013** | $193,500 |
| **2012** | $193,500 |
| **2011** | $193,500 |
| **2010** | $200,000 |
| **2009** | $200,000 |
| **2008** | $200,000 |

* HSD contracts with agencies through an RFP process and reserves the option of renewing the initial contract on an annual basis for three additional years or portion thereof not to exceed four years.
  1. States are required to participate in the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).  TEFAP is run by the USDA, which buys food (formerly known as commodities) to help feed low income people at 185% of poverty or below.
  2. Meals are provided on specified days at specified times and are at no cost to the participants.
  3. Services are provided in areas of greatest need and accessible to those in need.
  4. Provide a dollar–for–dollar match to funds awarded.
* Required allocation of funds is 100% to eligible entities.
  1. Funding assists in the cost of operating these programs.
  2. Allowable expenditures are for food, kitchen and dining supplies and labor for food service.
  3. HSD/FANS Bureau reviews monthly reimbursements for accuracy and allowable expenses.
* Homeless Shelter Agencies:
  1. El Caldito (Las Cruces)
  2. Esperanza (Santa Fe)
  3. Good Shepherd (Albuquerque)
  4. P.A.T.H. (Farmington)
  5. St. Elizabeth’s (Santa Fe)
  6. St. Martin’s (Albuquerque)

1. **Program Participants Totals**

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| **SFY** | Total number of meals: |
| **2014 July Through October 2013** | 157,704 |
| **2013** | 495,378 |
| **2012** | 549, 325 |
| **2011** | 511,393 |
| **2010** | 489,361 |
| **2009** | 484,638 |
| **2008** | 471,500 |

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