

# The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Fact Sheet

## 1. What is TEFAP?

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides USDA Foods (formerly known as commodities) from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help feed low-income people at 185% of poverty or below. TEFAP foods are purchased by the state with USDA allocated Entitlement dollars. Additional surplus USDA foods may be offered to the state at no additional cost to the state and is considered Bonus.

## 2. Funds Designation

USDA designates the Human Services Department (HSD), Income Support Division, Food and Nutrition Services Bureau (FANS) to administer the distribution of the USDA Foods and the administrative funds for TEFAP.

## 3. Federal Entitlement Funding for USDA Foods

| Year | Entitlement in Dollars | Bonus in Dollars | Total Food in Dollars | Administrative Funds in Dollars |
|------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2016 | 2,254,488              | 2,886,161        | 5,089,819             | 673,469                         |
| 2015 | 2,244,687              | 1,752,873        | 3,997,560             | 634,319                         |
| 2014 | 1,709,576              | 2,652,402        | 4,361,978             | 547,038                         |
| 2013 | 1,702,425              | 3,576,876        | 5,279,301             | 522,885                         |
| 2012 | 1,680,642              | 1,058,578        | 2,739,220             | 543,223                         |
| 2011 | 1,512,027              | 1,764,351        | 3,276,378             | 448,833                         |
| 2010 | 1,446,848              | 2,487,217        | 3,934,065             | 489,167                         |
| 2009 | 1,613,135              | 2,456,029        | 4,069,164             | 448,832                         |
| 2008 | 1,281,756              | 1,163,666        | 2,445,422             | 440,751                         |
| 2007 | 950,773                | 465,792          | 1,416,565             | 425,000                         |
| 2006 | 1,034,931              | 678,936          | 1,713,867             | 235,000                         |
| 2005 | 1,013,151              | 2,118,933        | 3,132,084             | 165,000                         |

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## 4. Required Allocation of Funds

- ▶ 100% of USDA Foods are distributed to eligible entities.
- ▶ By law, no less than 40% of the Administrative Funds allocated to the State Agency are passed-through to support emergency feeding organizations. HSD passes through 85% – 100% of the Administrative Funds.

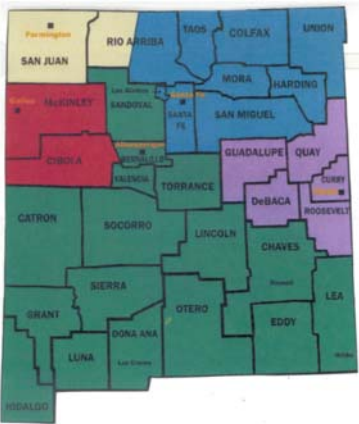
## 5. NM TEFAP Eligible Entities

- ▶ Five Regional Food Banks serve all 33 NM counties. They are:
  - Roadrunner Food Bank (Albuquerque and Las Cruces)
  - ECHO Food Bank (Farmington)
  - Food Bank of Eastern NM (Clovis)
  - The Community Pantry (Gallup)

- The Food Depot (Santa Fe)

## 6. Administrative Funds and Food Funds

- ▶ USDA Foods and Administrative Funds are allocated to the State of New Mexico according to USDA prescribed guidelines.
  - Portions of the administrative funds are retained by the State Agency to fund a full time TEFAP Coordinator.
  - The remainder of the administrative funds is given to the food banks based on county specific poverty and unemployment data based on the counties that they serve.
  - 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.
- ▶ Food Funds:
  - USDA Foods are distributed to the five food banks based on county specific poverty and unemployment data.
  - Percent Distribution by Food Bank:



- **Roadrunner Food Bank 69%**
  1. Albuquerque: Bernalillo, Catron, Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Sandoval, Socorro, Torrance and Valencia
  2. Las Cruces: Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero and Sierra
- **The Food Depot 12%**
  1. Santa Fe: Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Eastern Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos and Union
- **ECHO 7%**
  1. Farmington: San Juan and Western Rio Arriba
- **The Community Pantry 8%**
  1. Gallup: Cibola and McKinley
- **Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico 4%**
  1. Clovis: Curry, DeBaca, Guadalupe, Quay and Roosevelt

## 7. FANS Bureau Services and Oversight

- ▶ Allocate administrative TEFAP funds to support storage and delivery costs.
- ▶ Conduct annual fiscal and program integrity review of Regional and Local Emergency Feeding Organizations (REFOs and LEFOs).
- ▶ Approve all USDA Food orders and ensure the most efficient spending of Entitlement Funds annually. Approve all Bonus USDA Food orders.
- ▶ Conduct on site reviews of at least 25 % of the food banks and 1/10<sup>th</sup> or 20, whichever is less of all LEFOs (pantries and soup kitchens) every year.

## 8. Program Outcomes Excerpts

- ▶ The Food Bank Members served (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) on average per month:
  - 39,437 Households – 473,246 Annually
  - 74,253 Meals – 891,036 Annually

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