New Mexico Children's Foundation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2025-2026

Empowering Underserved Communities, Building Brighter Futures

34	351	37	88%	$2.5M
YEARS SERVING NM CHILDREN	NONPROFITS FUNDED	33 COUNTIES 4 PUEBLOS	OF EVERY $1 TO GRANTS	DISTRIBUTED SINCE 1992

New Mexico's Children Face a Growing Crisis

New Mexico ranks dead last in the nation in education and overall child well-being for the 9th consecutive year. Too many children face hunger, poverty, and instability as their daily reality. Federal cuts to SNAP, Medicaid, Head Start, and education grants are creating an urgent and widening gap that only community-based organizations can fill. NMCF exists to bridge that gap.

THE CHALLENGE

#50
EDUCATION RANKING, 9 CONSECUTIVE YEARS (NAEP 2025)

27.4%
CHILD POVERTY RATE, HIGHEST IN THE NATION

1 in 4
CHILDREN FOOD INSECURE, OVER 100,000 KIDS

21%
OF NM RESIDENTS ON SNAP, HIGHEST RATE IN THE U.S.

$153M
EXTRA NM ANNUAL SPEND STARTING 2027 FROM SNAP CUTS

37%
OF NM NONPROFITS RELY ON FEDERAL GRANTS NOW AT RISK

FEDERAL CUTS: WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR NEW MEXICO FAMILIES

SNAP: LARGEST CUTS IN U.S. HISTORY

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act (July 2025) cuts SNAP ~20% by 2034
- 35,000+ NM families with children will lose food benefits
- Federal shutdown (Nov. 2025) forced NM to spend $30M to feed 460,000 recipients

MEDICAID: $8.5B IN PROJECTED NM CUTS

- H.R. 1 cuts federal Medicaid by $1 trillion nationally over 10 years
- 350,453 NM children currently on Medicaid, coverage at risk
- NM Medicaid finances 70% of all births in the state

EDUCATION & NONPROFITS: FUNDING PULLED

- AmeriCorps, Title I & Head Start grants frozen or cut mid-year
- 37% of NM nonprofits rely on federal grants, among the highest nationally
- 61% of nonprofits at risk of closing or cutting programs

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"Behind every grant is a child gaining confidence, finding hope, or discovering a new passion."

Why Your Investment Matters

Your Giving Goes Further Through New Mexico Children's Foundation

NMCF acts as a community amplifier and regranting foundation, deploying pre-vetted gifts to 58 grassroots organizations surfaced through 34 years of grantmaking across every corner of New Mexico. As the federal safety net frays, your single investment reaches communities that government programs and large foundations cannot.

2026-2027 IMPACT BY PROGRAM AREA

PROGRAM AREA	GRANTEES	% OF FUNDS	% CHILDREN SERVED	WHAT WE FUND
Food Security, Health & Safety	12	21.2%	47.0%	Dental care, vision, food pantries, cancer support, health equity
After-School Programs	15	21.0%	27.1%	After-school enrichment, therapeutic riding, outdoor education
STEM Education	8	11.7%	10.6%	Robotics, science cafes, girls in STEM, digital media, Pueblo outreach
Multi-Day Camps	9	17.4%	4.3%	Cancer camp, arts & music intensives, outdoor conservation
Literacy	5	9.7%	8.0%	Early literacy, book access, reading programs, mobile eye clinic
Cultural Awareness & Education	5	8.6%	1.5%	Heritage preservation, rural library programming, Science Saturdays
Mentorship & Training	5	10.3%	1.4%	College counseling, BRIDGEBuilders mentorship, service learning

WHY GIVE THROUGH NMCF

Amplified Impact

Zero office overhead, all-volunteer board. Your dollars reach communities no single donor could find alone.

Rigorous Vetting

Every application is reviewed by our Grant Committee for measurable outcomes, geographic need, and community root.

Statewide Reach

All 33 counties and three Pueblos, including the most remote rural and tribal communities that larger funders overlook.

Filling the Gap

As federal safety nets shrink, NMCF channels private generosity to organizations where government has stepped back.

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59	38,558	$145K	37
NONPROFITS STATEWIDE	CHILDREN SERVED THIS GRANT CYCLE	GRANTS AWARDED 2026-2027	33 COUNTIES 4 PUEBLOS REACHED

$400,000 Maximum Grantee Budget

NMCF intentionally funds small, community-rooted nonprofits that larger funders overlook, amplifying grassroots impact where it matters most. By capping individual grants, we maximize the number of organizations we can support — ensuring that more communities across New Mexico's 33 counties and 4 Pueblos receive direct investment.

FOOD SECURITY, HEALTH & SAFETY		18,129 children
The Foster Alliance	Bernalillo County	200
Free Flow NM	Santa Fe, Rio Arriba	1,334
OverFlow Free Store	San Juan County	3,550
Kids Cook!	Bernalillo/Torrance	3,000
The Counseling Center Inc.	Otero	250
Cancer Services of New Mexico	Statewide	150
Seeds Of Sharon	Bernalillo	100
Hero's Path Palliative Care	Bernalillo	120
Moreno Valley Angels	Colfax County	25
New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence	Bernalillo	400
New Mexico Dental Assoc. Foundation	Statewide	6,000
NMLOKS: NM Lions Op. KidSight	All NM Counties	3,000

MENTORSHIP & TRAINING		555 students
Monochromatic Mommies	Eastern NM	75
Bridges Project for Education	Taos County	190
M.E.N.D. Men Empowering New Dads	Bernalillo	100
Voices For Changes	Luna/Hidalgo	150
MANA de Albuquerque	Bernalillo County	40

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS		10,440 students
Carnelian Center	Rio Arriba	50
Soulful Presence	Santa Fe/N. NM	50
Tamaya Wellness Center	Sandoval	30
Nature Friends	Dona Ana	125
Child Counseling Center	Northern NM	100
Espanola Valley Fiber Arts	Rio Arriba	250
The School of Baseball	Taos	2,500
Music from Angel Fire	Taos	1,600
The Heartbeat Music Project	McKinley County	110
Equine Spirit Sanctuary	Taos County	80
Pipers Play Foundation	San Juan County	5,000
100% Otero	Otero County	130
4 Corners K-9 Search & Rescue	Navajo/San Juan	250
Talpa Community Center	Taos County	125
No Squad Youth	Otero County	40

MULTI-DAY CAMPS		1,668 youth
Gallup Children's Museum	McKinley County	30
Chama Valley Arts	N. Rio Arriba	75
Meadow City Academy of Music	Las Vegas NM	323
Foundation Of Youth Arts	Luna County	80
Northern NM Recreation & Outdoor	Chama Valley	150
Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch	Colfax County	50
Artrageous Artreach Ltd	Bernalillo County	800
Cloudcroft Summer Youth Program	Otero County	60
Camp Enchantment New Mexico	Statewide	100

Partner With Us

Join businesses, foundations, and individuals who believe every New Mexico child deserves the chance to thrive. NMCF consolidates gifts of all sizes and deploys them to pre-vetted, grassroots organizations filling the gap as the federal safety net shrinks. All contributions are tax-deductible.

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"Together, we are creating a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive."

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Founded by a First Lady. Funded by a Community.

Founded by Alice King, Former First Lady of New Mexico, New Mexico Children's Foundation provides funding to small, community-based nonprofit programs designed to foster the physical, emotional, educational, and social development of New Mexico children and their families. Through its annual grant program, NMCF strives to ensure that children in underserved and rural regions have opportunities to thrive.

GRANTEE VOICES · 2025-2026

INSPIRED BY SCIENCE · CARLSBAD, NM · 1,500 STUDENTS

"Without partners like NMCF, we could not offer high-quality, hands-on STEM education. Every child deserves the opportunity to explore whether that path is right for them."

Deena Antiporda, Executive Director

NM LIONS OPERATION KIDSIGHT · TAOS COUNTY · 600 CHILDREN

"A student slipping on new glasses, lighting up because the world just came into focus, that moment changes how they learn and how they see their future."

Bryson McCool, Director

OJO SARCO COMMUNITY CENTER · RIO ARRIBA COUNTY · 140 CHILDREN

"The funding we receive from NMCF is crucial for uplifting not just our children, but the entire community. Your investment helps ensure we continue providing essential services year-round."

Kathryn Vigil, Program Director

LITERACY		3,094 youth
Society of the Muse of the Southwest	Taos County	
El Rito Library	Rio Arriba	
Global Give-a-Book	Bernalillo	
EVLCC Embudo Valley Library	Rio Arriba/Taos	
Literacy Link Leamos Let's Read	Statewide	

CULTURAL AWARENESS & EDUCATION		580 children
Ojo Sarco Community Center & Library	Ojo Sarco	
Gila Valley Library	Grant/Catron Co.	
MAS Comunidad: Penasco Theater	N. NM/Taos	
Pueblo de Abiquiu Library	Rio Arriba	
Oo-Oo-Nah Art & Cultural Center	Taos Pueblo	

STEM EDUCATION		4,092 students
STEM Santa Fe	Santa Fe/Pueblos	100
Intl Space Hall of Fame Foundation	Alamogordo	100
NM Network for Women in Sci & Eng	Statewide	1,000
Applied Dynamics Initiative	Bernalillo	232
STEM is Childs Play Foundation	Sandoval	200
SE-NM Homeschool Hub	Eddy/Lea County	360
Inspired by Science	Eddy County	2,000
Ke'yah Advanced Rural Mfg Alliance	Navajo Nation	100

Support These Organizations Today

88% of every dollar goes straight to grants, funding programs already changing children's lives and reaching communities still left behind.

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"Your dollars reach communities that might otherwise be overlooked."