

Gov. Lujan Grisham announces \$5.6 million of additional funding for low-income families with children

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On Oct. 1 Gov. Michelle Lujan-Grisham announced a one-time cash payment of \$446 will be issued to those families who were eligible for the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund. This one-time payment was issued on Oct. 2. Nearly 13,000 New Mexico families received the payment.

“This critical assistance will help nearly 13,000 working New Mexico families,” said Gov. Lujan Grisham. “My administration will continue to aggressively pursue every avenue for helping working families get the services and assistance they need, whether it’s child care, or energy assistance, or cash for other necessities.”

New Mexico received the allotment from the Administration of Children and Families, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program to assist eligible families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with the passage of the federal American Rescue Plan Act. This payment is intended to be used by eligible families for any crisis needs they may have, such as emergency housing, utility payments, food, clothing and back-to-school expenses.

To qualify for the payment, you must have received benefits in January 2021 from one of the following cash programs:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Diversion payment
- Support Services
- New Mexico Works Program
- Education Works Program
- Wage Subsidy Program
- General Assistance-Unrelated Child
- Hardship

“The public health emergency has disproportionately impacted so many families working to make ends meet,” Angela Medrano, Deputy Secretary of the Human Services Department said. “These funds are essential to provide families much-needed financial relief.”

For additional information or questions call the Consolidated Customer Service Center at

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