



## **New Mexico Grown Grant (NM Grown) Allowable and Unallowable Purchases**

The awarded funding is solely for the purchase of New Mexico grown produce. All locally grown produce that meets USDA's standards for inclusion in school meals, including shelf-stable products such as pinto beans, hominy and processed chile – and cultural foods like chicos, sumacberries, and cornmeal (atole) – are approved for purchase in this category.

### **Allowable Expenditures**

- Produced in the State of New Mexico
- New Mexico-grown fruits, vegetables, grains, and herbs
- Produced and Processed in the State of New Mexico
- New Mexico-grown and lightly processed fruits, vegetables, grains, and herbs (i.e. frozen, powdered, and sauce red or green chile, hominy, cornmeal (atole), and chicos)
- “Lightly processed” is defined as a product that is frozen, dried, or ground/milled. Red chile in the form of sauce is considered an allowable purchase.

### **Unallowable Expenditures**

- Food items produced in the State of New Mexico that do not align with the funding priorities of the grant program (i.e. tortillas and other baked goods, nuts, dairy, meat proteins, honey, edible flowers, juices, and prepared salsas)
- School garden equipment and supplies (i.e. seeds or starts, tools, soil)

### **Garden to Cafeteria Stipulations**

- School and district garden to cafeteria programs are approved vendors for this grant program. SFAs purchasing student-grown produce with this funding are required to submit 2-3 quotes from local vendors to substantiate that market analysis was conducted to appropriately price products.
- Market analysis documentation should be uploaded through OBMS with the first RfR, but can also be uploaded throughout the year as products are available for purchase.

### **Reminder**

- Purchases made with this funding are for NSLP, SSO, and SBP meal service only
- Transportation costs will not be reimbursed if they are listed as a separate line item; all fees for transporting New Mexico-grown produce and lightly processed products is required to be included in the unit price of the products purchased with this funding.
- All invoices must include the name, address, and contact information for each vendor.