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Report: More Food Stamp Families Would Help Economy

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A new report concludes that if New Mexico had another 13,700 families enrolled in the federal Food Stamp Program, the state economy would see more than 42 million dollars in new activity.

The report by New Mexico Voices for Children also says that more than 900 jobs would be created from the increased spending. The report was released today.

Right now, about 60 percent of the state's families that are eligible for food stamps get them.

Adding 13,700 families would boost the rate of eligible families participating in the program to 80 percent.

The new families would bring in nearly 42 million dollars in federal funding.

The report also recommends simplifying the application process and lengthening the timeframe in which people must recertify their applications.

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