

2025 FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES

The **Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger** is a nonprofit organization working towards a Colorado where everyone can access the food they choose, where they want it, and when they need it. We are advancing this vision by championing bold policy change.



- Ensure equitable access to healthy, affordable, and culturally affirming foods while recognizing food as a fundamental human right.
- Expand USDA nutrition incentive programs funded through GusNIP, including the Double Up Food Bucks program and produce prescription initiatives.
- Protect consumer choice and autonomy in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by opposing purchase restrictions that limit access to culturally appropriate foods and special dietary accommodations.
- Strengthen the USDA
 Restaurant Meals Program
 to expand SNAP access
 for seniors, individuals with
 disabilities, and unhoused
 populations by increasing
 technical support and
 financial assistance for state
 implementation.

- Fully fund the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in FY25 and FY26 to ensure all eligible participants receive benefits, and protect the scientific integrity of the food package.
- Protect the 2021 modernization of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) in the 2025
 Farm Bill to keep SNAP benefit amounts aligned with current food prices and dietary guidelines.
- Expand protections for SNAP households against electronic benefit theft by granting state agencies authority to replace stolen benefits.
- Renew the Older Americans Act with enhanced nutrition and social services, incorporating partnerships with local farms to provide fresh produce for healthy meals.
- Raise the federal reimbursement multiplier from 1.6 to 2.5 to make the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) participation more financially viable for schools.

- Reinstating the expanded Child Tax Credit (CTC) from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), ensuring the full credit of up to \$3,600 per year for children under 5 and \$3,000 for children aged 6 to 17 is available to low-income families.
- Supporting the permanent expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for lowwage workers without children, restoring the 2021 ARPA enhancements by increasing the income eligibility limit to \$21,000 for single filers and \$27,000 for married filers.



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