

Affordable ABQ

Affordable ABQ is your one-stop hub for saving money, accessing resources, and making life in Albuquerque more affordable.

From childcare and education to housing, food, and transportation, it connects residents with free and low-cost programs all in one place.

We know food is a major cost for families—that's why ABQ Fresh is expanding access to fresh, local food by reforming policies, empowering small markets, and connecting local farmers with neighborhoods.

With free tuition, fare-free buses, childcare assistance, and affordable housing, Affordable ABQ helps families stretch their budgets while promoting dignity, opportunity, and belonging for all.



WHY ALBUQUERQUE NEEDS AFFORDABLE ABQ NOW?

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COMMUNITY CENTERS

providing extensive programming and recreation for residents of all ages.



OVER

7 Million RIDES

Approximately 7 million rides annually, reconnecting communities across the City.



\$15M

Allocated for housing vouchers to assist residents in need.

191,000

youth meals served annually through city-led Supper Meal Programs.

19,079

food boxes distributed by the City's four health and social services centers.

14

Free Early Childhood Facilities, many of which serve various ages.



Affordable ABQ: Your One-Stop Hub for Saving Money

Here are resources you can find at the Affordable ABQ hub—programs and services that make daily life in Albuquerque more affordable.

FOOD

- Free meals for children (0–18) year-round and seniors (60+)
- Meals and Food boxes
- Double Up Food Bucks
- Resources to prevent food waste, families can save up to \$56 weekly
- **ABQ Fresh**: building a healthy, affordable local food system

The City of Albuquerque has launched **ABQ Fresh**, a bold initiative to build a healthier, more affordable, and more equitable local food system by expanding access to fresh, nutritious food in underserved neighborhoods

and food deserts. Through this effort, the City is taking immediate action to reform outdated policies and streamline permitting so that small markets, corner stores, and mobile vendors can more easily stock and sell fresh produce.

ABQ Fresh also supports innovative business models that connect local farmers directly with consumers, strengthening Albuquerque’s local food economy. Across departments, the City will coordinate resources and partnerships to expand food access programs, reduce barriers for families, and ensure that every resident—no matter their zip code—has access to healthy, affordable food.

DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

- Early Head Start Program
- Preschool & NM Pre-K

- Search for childcare, early intervention, and home visiting services at the NM Kids Portal

HOME & FAMILY SUPPORT

- Health & Social Service Centers: eviction prevention, rental & utility assistance, diapers, clothing
- Free immunizations through NM Health
- Support for pets from Animal Welfare services

EDUCATION

- Tuition free college for New Mexicans
- GED and adult learning
- Youth Job Mentor Program (ages 14–18) and job training opportunities
- Free WiFi at locations

BUSINESS & WORKFORCE

- Workforce and small business development
- Bank on Burque financial resources
- Metropolitan Redevelopment

Agency support

- Youth jobs and training programs

TRANSPORTATION

- Zero fares on ABQ RIDE buses
- Sun Van paratransit services
- ABQ RIDE Connect for flexible trips
- Bike maps and trail resources
- Car seat safety and installation

FREE AND LOW COST THINGS TO DO

- Free days and events at the ABQ Museum, Balloon Museum, and libraries
- Open Space hikes, camps, and visitor centers
- Parks, courts, skate parks, spray pads, trails, and esports
- Low-cost options: BioPark Zoo, Aquarium & Botanic Garden, golf, swimming, and shooting range

Visit the Affordable ABQ hub today to explore these resources and start saving money, lowering costs, and making life in Albuquerque more affordable.

Contact Information

For more updates on this or other topics, visit cabq.gov/affordable-abq or contact the Mayor’s Office at 505-768-3000.