

Subject Food Shelf Program Funding

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Overview

This bill appropriates money for food shelf programs.

The Minnesota food shelf program provides funds to food shelves and Tribes to: (1) purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of nutritious food to needy individuals and families; (2) purchase personal hygiene products; and (3) cover certain administrative expenses. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families distributes funds to Hunger Solutions to distribute to qualifying food shelves and Tribes across the state (about 240 grantees). Food shelves are available to households with income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Households are automatically eligible if they participate in certain public assistance programs, such as MFIP or child care assistance. In 2022, there were over 5.5 million visits made to Minnesota food shelves.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Appropriation; Minnesota food shelf program.</p> <p>Appropriates \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year of the fiscal year 2026-2027 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for food shelf programs. Adds these appropriations to the base.</p> |
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