

Subject COVID-19 Relief
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Overview

This bill provides onetime funding for a COVID-19 Food Relief Grant program to provide economic support to certain Minnesota owned and operated restaurants, catering companies, and food establishments while also providing hunger relief to Minnesotans impacted by COVID-19, including individuals experiencing food insecurity.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	COVID-19 food relief grant program; appropriation.
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Subd. 1. Appropriation. Appropriates \$10 million in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the COVID-19 food relief grant program to provide economic support to certain Minnesota owned and operated restaurants, catering companies, and food establishments while also providing hunger relief to Minnesotans impacted by COVID-19. Allows the commissioner to use up to \$1 million of this appropriation to administer this program. Lists how the commissioner may allocate funds. Specifies this is a onetime appropriation.

Subd. 2. Eligible grantees. Describes eligible grantees.

Subd. 3. Allowable uses of funds. Describes how grantees must use funds granted under this section.

Subd. 4. Grant request. Requires the commissioner to develop an expedited grant request process and to allow the use of electronic submission of request forms and accept electronic signatures. Requires eligible grantees to request a grant under this section on the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.

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Subd. 5. Commissioner's duties; grants. Lists the commissioner's duties in administering the grant program under this section. Allows for grant funds to supplement, but not supplant, any other funding used to provide prepared meals to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity. Specifies the commissioner's determination of the grant amount is final and not subject to appeal.

Subd. 6. Nonstate funds. Requires grant recipients to notify the commissioner of amounts received from nonstate sources for activities listed under this section. If the commissioner determines that the total amount the grant recipient received under this section and from nonstate sources exceeds the grant recipient's costs for the activities under this section, requires the grant recipient to pay the commissioner the amount that exceeds costs, up to the grant amount provided under this section. Requires all money paid to the commissioner under this section to be deposited in the general fund.

Subd. 7. Expiration. This section expires March 31, 2021.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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