

**Subject** Establishing Regional Food Bank Grants

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## Overview

This bill establishes regional food bank grants and appropriates \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the grants.

## Summary

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1	<b>Regional food bank grants.</b>
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Amends § 142F.16. Establishes regional food bank grants.

**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to establish regional food bank grants to increase the availability of food to individuals and families in need.

**Subd. 2. Distribution of appropriation.** Requires the commissioner to distribute regional food bank grants to regional food banks and federally recognized Tribes. Specifies how grants must be distributed and allows the commissioner to increase or decrease a qualifying recipient's proportionate amount if the commissioner determines the increase or decrease is necessary to meet community needs. Requires food banks and federally recognized Tribes to be in compliance with federal The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) regulations in order to receive a grant under this section.

**Subd. 3. Allowable uses of funds.** Requires funds distributed under this section to be used by food banks to purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of food to TEFAP providers. Requires funds distributed under this section to be used by federally recognized Tribes to purchase, transport, and coordinate the distribution of food to individuals and families in need. Also allows these funds to be used to purchase personal hygiene products.

**Subd. 4. Reporting.** Requires grantees to: (1) retain records documenting expenditure of the money and to comply with any additional documentation requirements imposed by the commissioner; (2) report on use of the money

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received; and (3) repay any amount the commissioner determines to be an ineligible expenditure.

**2 Appropriation; regional food bank grants.**

Appropriates \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for regional food bank grants.



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