

Subject Regional Food Bank Grants

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Summary

This bill establishes regional food bank grants to increase the availability of food to individuals and families in need. Requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to distribute grants to regional food banks and Minnesota Tribal governments using a formula based on the number of persons in households having incomes below the federal poverty guidelines and the number of unemployed persons in the service area of the food bank or Tribal government. The bill lists the allowable uses of grant funds, requires grantees to report to the commissioner on the uses of grant money received, and requires any ineligible expenditures made by a grantee to be repaid to the commissioner and deposited into the general fund.

The bill also appropriates \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for food bank grants and sets the base appropriations for these grants in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

Regional food banks distribute food to more than 350 food shelves, Tribal food programs, on-site meal programs, and shelters in Minnesota.