

**Subject** Food Shelf Programs

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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 The Food Group 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 the Minnesota family investment program or child care assistance.

In 2024, there were nearly 9 million visits made to Minnesota food shelves.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Appropriation; Minnesota food shelf program.</b><br>Appropriates \$5,392,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for food shelf programs, and adds this appropriation to the base. |
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