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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to human services; establishing a mobile food shelf grant program;
- 1.3 appropriating money.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **MOBILE FOOD SHELF GRANTS.**
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Grant amount.** Hunger Solutions shall award grants on a priority basis
- 1.7 under subdivision 3. A grant to sustain an existing mobile program shall not exceed \$25,000.
- 1.8 A grant to create a new mobile program shall not exceed \$75,000.
- 1.9 Subd. 2. **Application contents.** An applicant for a grant under this section must provide
- 1.10 the following information to Hunger Solutions:
- 1.11 (1) the location of the project;
- 1.12 (2) a description of the mobile program, including the program's size and scope;
- 1.13 (3) evidence regarding the unserved or underserved nature of the community in which
- 1.14 the project is to be located;
- 1.15 (4) evidence of community support for the project;
- 1.16 (5) the total cost of the project;
- 1.17 (6) the amount of the grant request and how funds will be used;
- 1.18 (7) sources of funding or in-kind contributions for the project that may supplement any
- 1.19 grant award;
- 1.20 (8) the applicant's commitment to maintain the mobile program; and

2.1 (9) any additional information requested by Hunger Solutions.

2.2 Subd. 3. **Awarding grants.** In evaluating applications and awarding grants, Hunger
2.3 Solutions must give priority to an applicant who:

2.4 (1) serves unserved or underserved areas;

2.5 (2) creates a new mobile program or expands an existing mobile program;

2.6 (3) serves areas where a high level of need is identified;

2.7 (4) provides evidence of strong support for the project from residents and other institutions
2.8 in the community;

2.9 (5) leverages funding for the project from other private and public sources; and

2.10 (6) commits to maintaining the program on a multiyear basis.

2.11 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.12 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.13 of human services for grants under section 1. Of this amount, \$500,000 is for sustaining
2.14 existing mobile programs and \$500,000 is for creating new mobile programs. The
2.15 unencumbered balance in the first year of the biennium does not cancel but is available for
2.16 the second year of the biennium.