

After three consecutive years of record-breaking demand for emergency food assistance, Minnesota's network of food banks, food shelves and food distribution programs are stretched beyond capacity. This growth in demand is unsustainable. Addressing it will require a new and permanent source of funding for the six food banks serving Minnesota.

A new Regional Food Bank Grant program (SF1348/HF1112) would help address these challenges by creating a reliable source of funding specifically for food purchasing and distribution. This program would provide an infusion of much-needed food at no cost to Minnesota's struggling food shelves, who are also in need of additional state investment.

As proposed, \$10 million would be allocated annually beginning in fiscal year 2026 to the state's six food banks and participating Tribal Nations, using the current federal TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) distribution formula as a guide. This formula has a beneficial impact on food banks serving Greater Minnesota, where the need is disproportionately higher and resources are even harder to come by.



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