

A bill for an act relating to veterans affairs; appropriating money for Metro Meals on Wheels; requiring reports.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION; METRO MEALS ON WHEELS.

(a) \$497,500 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of veterans affairs for a grant to Metro Meals on Wheels to provide:

(1) home-delivered meals to veterans; and

(2) technical, enrollment, outreach, and volunteer recruitment assistance to member programs.

(b) Metro Meals on Wheels must report to the commissioner of veterans affairs and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over veterans affairs policy and finance no later than September 1, 2026, for fiscal year 2026,

and September 1, 2027, for fiscal year 2027. Each report must include, at a minimum, a detailed explanation of how the grant money was used and the number of veterans and service members served by the program.

(c) The base appropriation is \$497,500 in fiscal year 2027 and \$0 in fiscal year 2028.