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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **1843**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

03/26/2015 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a mobile food shelf grant program;
1.3 appropriating money for mobile food shelves.
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 under
1.7 subdivision 3 of up to \$75,000 on a competitive basis.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Application contents.** An applicant for a grant under this section must
1.9 provide the following information to Hunger Solutions:

1.10 (1) the location of the project;

1.11 (2) a description of the mobile program, including size and scope;

1.12 (3) evidence regarding the unserved or underserved nature of the community in
1.13 which the project is to be located;

1.14 (4) evidence of community support for the project;

1.15 (5) the total cost of the project;

1.16 (6) the amount of the grant request and how funds will be used;

1.17 (7) sources of funding or in-kind contributions for the project that will supplement
1.18 any grant award;

1.19 (8) a commitment to mobile programs by the applicant and an ongoing commitment
1.20 to maintain the mobile program; and

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

1.22 Subd. 3. **Awarding grants.** In evaluating applications and awarding grants, priority
1.23 may be given to applicants who:

1.24 (1) serve underserved areas;

- 2.1 (2) create a new or expand an existing mobile program;
2.2 (3) serve areas where a high amount of need is identified;
2.3 (4) provide evidence of strong support for the project from citizens and other
2.4 institutions in the community;
2.5 (5) leverage funding for the project from other private and public sources; and
2.6 (6) commit to maintaining the program on a multiyear basis.

2.7 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.8 \$2,000,000 is appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, from the
2.9 general fund to the commissioner of human services for transfer to Hunger Solutions,
2.10 which is the association responsible for distributing food shelf funds under Minnesota
2.11 Statutes, section 256E.34, for mobile food shelf grants under section 1. This a onetime
2.12 appropriation and is available until expended.