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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

A bill for an act

relating to agriculture; appropriating money for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND GRANT.**

$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for a grant to Second Harvest Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's six Second Harvest food banks for the purchase of milk for distribution to Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible to receive food from the food banks. Milk purchased with the grant money authorized under this section must be acquired from Minnesota milk processors and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be allocated to each Second Harvest food bank serving Minnesota according to the formula used in the distribution of United States Department of Agriculture commodities under the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Second Harvest Heartland must submit quarterly reports to the commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The reports must include, but are not limited to, information on the expenditure of funds, the amount of milk purchased, and the organizations to which the milk was distributed. Second Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or agreements with food banks for shared funding or reimbursement of the direct purchase of milk. Each food bank receiving money from this appropriation may use up to two percent of the grant for administrative expenses. This appropriation is in addition to the appropriation under Laws 2017, chapter 88, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (i).