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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1660

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform
03/16/2017 By motion, recalled and 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.

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 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
2.13 of human services for grants under section 1. \$1,000,000 is appropriated for sustaining
2.14 existing mobile programs and \$1,000,000 is appropriated for creating new mobile programs.
2.15 The unencumbered balance in the first year does not cancel but is available for the second
2.16 year.