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02/22/2017	705	Introduction and first reading Referred to Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to Second Harvest Heartland.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS; SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND GRANT.

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\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from

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the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to Second Harvest Heartland

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on behalf of Minnesota's six Second Harvest food banks for the purchase of milk for

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distribution to Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable organizations that are eligible

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to receive food from the food banks. Milk purchased under the grants must be acquired

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from Minnesota milk processors and based on low-cost bids. The milk must be allocated

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to each Second Harvest food bank serving Minnesota according to the formula used in the

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distribution of United States Department of Agriculture commodities under the Emergency

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Food Assistance Program. Second Harvest Heartland must submit quarterly reports to the

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commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner. The reports must include, but are

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not limited to, information on the expenditure of funds, the amount of milk purchased, and

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the organizations to which the milk was distributed. Second Harvest Heartland may enter

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into contracts or agreements with food banks for shared funding or reimbursement of the

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direct purchase of milk. Each food bank receiving money from this appropriation may use

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up to two percent of the grant for administrative expenses.