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A bill for an act

relating to food support; establishing the prepared meals food grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 142F.

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

Section 1. **[142F.141] PREPARED MEALS FOOD RELIEF GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment** The commissioner of children, youth, and families shall establish a prepared meals grant program to provide hunger relief to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity and who have difficulty preparing meals due to limited mobility, disability, or limited resources.

Subd. 2. **Eligible grantees.** Eligible grantees are nonprofit organizations and federally recognized American Indian Tribes or Bands located in Minnesota as defined in section 10.65 with a demonstrated history of providing and distributing prepared meals customized for the population that they serve, including tailoring meals to the cultural, religious, and dietary needs of the population served. Eligible grantees must prepare meals in a licensed commercial kitchen and distribute meals according to ServSafe guidelines.

Subd. 3. **Application.** Applicants for grant money under this section shall apply to the commissioner on the forms and in the time and manner established by the commissioner.

Subd. 4. **Allowable uses of grant funds.** Eligible grantees must use grant money awarded under this section to fund a prepared meals program that primarily targets individuals between 18 and 60 years of age and their dependents experiencing food insecurity. Grantees must not receive funding from other state and federal meal programs for activities funded under this section.

Subd. 5. **Duties of the commissioner.** (a) The commissioner shall develop a process for determining eligible grantees under this section.

(b) In granting money, the commissioner shall prioritize applicants that:

(1) have demonstrated the ability to provide prepared meals to racially, ethnically, and geographically diverse populations at greater risk for food insecurity;

(2) work with external community partners to distribute meals targeting nontraditional meal sites reaching those most in need; and

(3) have a demonstrated history of sourcing at least 50 percent of the prepared meal ingredients from:

(i) Minnesota food producers and processors; or

(ii) food that is donated or would otherwise be waste.

(c) The commissioner shall consider geographic distribution to ensure statewide coverage when awarding grants and minimize the number of grantees to simplify administrative burdens and costs.

Subd. 6. **Reporting.** (a) Grantees receiving money under this section must retain records documenting expenditure of the money and comply with any additional documentation requirements imposed by the commissioner.

(b) Grantees shall report on the use of money received under this section to the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the timing and form required for the reports.

(c) If the commissioner determines that ineligible expenditures are made by grantees receiving money under this section, the ineligible amount must be repaid to the commissioner and deposited in the general fund.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; PREPARED MEALS FOOD RELIEF GRANTS.**

$..... in fiscal year 2026 and $..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 142F.141.