

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 2647 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[256E.341] PREPARED MEALS FOOD RELIEF GRANTS.**

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The commissioner of human services shall establish a
1.5 prepared meals grant program to provide hunger relief to Minnesotans experiencing food
1.6 insecurity and who have difficulty preparing meals due to limited mobility, disability, age,
1.7 or resources to prepare their own meal.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Eligible grantees.** Eligible grantees are nonprofit organizations and federally
1.9 recognized American Indian Tribes or bands located in Minnesota as defined in section
1.10 10.65, with a demonstrated history of providing and distributing prepared meals customized
1.11 for the population that they serve, including tailoring meals to the cultural, religious, and
1.12 dietary needs of the population served. Eligible grantees must prepare meals in a licensed
1.13 commercial kitchen and distribute meals according to ServSafe guidelines.

1.14 Subd. 3. **Application.** Applicants for grant funds under this section shall apply to the
1.15 commissioner on the forms and according to the timelines established by the commissioner.

1.16 Subd. 4. **Allowable uses of grant funds.** (a) Eligible grantees must use grant funds
1.17 awarded under this section to fund a prepared meals program that primarily targets individuals
1.18 between 18 and 60 years of age, and their dependents, experiencing food insecurity. Grantees
1.19 must avoid duplication with existing state and federal meal programs.

1.20 (b) Grant funds must supplement, but not supplant, any state or federal funding used to
1.21 provide prepared meals to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity.

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

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

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

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

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

1.31 (i) Minnesota food producers and processors; or

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

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

2.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

2.6 Page 2, line 20, delete "2023" and insert "2024" and delete the second "2024" and insert
2.7 "2025"

2.8 Page 2, line 22, delete everything after "under" and insert "Minnesota Statutes, section
2.9 256E.341."

2.10 Amend the title accordingly