



# HUNGER FREE CAMPUS

## FIRST TWO YEARS: IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS

### HUNGER FREE CAMPUS IN MINNESOTA

In 2019, LeadMN worked with state legislators to introduce and pass the Hunger Free Campus Act, making Minnesota the third state to do so. While the 2019 Hunger Free Campus Act applied only to Minnesota's public community and technical colleges and received no funding, it has seen tremendous success with 20 colleges receiving the Hunger Free Campus designation after implementing the required criteria. During the 2021 legislative session, students were successful in securing funding for competitive grants to support and sustain colleges' work on the Hunger Free Campus Act. Eligibility for the Hunger Free Campus designation was also expanded to public and private non-profit universities, and tribal colleges in Minnesota.

### HUNGER FREE CAMPUS CRITERIA

In order to be awarded the Hunger Free Campus designation, a campus must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a food pantry, partnership with a food bank, or some type of food distribution system on campus available to students.
2. Have a designated staff person on campus to educate students on SNAP and other public services aimed to reduce food insecurity.\*
3. Provide emergency funds to assist students who may be experiencing basic needs insecurity.
4. Have a task force dedicated to addressing food insecurity concerns.
5. Host or participate in at least one hunger awareness event each year.



### DESIGNATED COLLEGES

Anoka-Ramsey Community College (2021)  
Anoka Technical College (2020)  
Central Lakes College (2020)  
Century College (2021)  
Dakota County Technical College (2020)  
Hennepin Technical College (2020)  
Inver Hills Community College (2020)  
Itasca Community College (2020)  
Lake Superior College (2020)  
Mesabi Range College (2020)

Minnesota State Community and Technical College (2020)  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College (2020)  
Minnesota State College Southeast (2020)  
Normandale Community College (2020)  
North Hennepin Community College (2021)  
Pine Technical & Community College (2020)  
Rainy River Community College (2020)  
Riverland Community College (2023)  
Rochester Community and Technical College (2020)  
Saint Paul College (2023)  
South Central College (2020)

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### HUNGER FREE CAMPUS IMPACT

With competitive grant funding on the horizon for colleges working to implement and sustain their Hunger Free Campus designations, LeadMN surveyed college staff who worked to implement the Hunger Free Campus program at their colleges. As of November 23, 2021, staff from 15 of the 19 colleges who have received the Hunger Free Campus designation had responded to the impact survey. Here is what we found:

# 73%

#### Agreed or Strongly Agreed

Pursuing The Hunger Free Designation Pushed Their College To Provide Additional Services, Resources, Or Programming To Address Food Insecurity



# 67%

#### Agreed or Strongly Agreed

The Hunger Free Campus Act Helped Raise Awareness About The Issue Of Food Insecurity Among Students, Staff, And Faculty At Their College

### WHICH CRITERIA DID YOUR COLLEGE NEED TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE HUNGER FREE CAMPUS DESIGNATION?

