



S.F. No. 1412 – Establishing the prepared meals food grant program

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Section 1 (adds Minn. Stat. § 142F.141) establishes a prepared meals grant program to provide hunger relief to Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity and who have difficulty preparing meals due to limited mobility, a disability, or limited resources.

Subdivision 2 provides that eligible grantees are nonprofit organizations and federally recognized American Indian Tribes or Bands located in Minnesota with a demonstrated history of providing and distributing prepared meals. Requires eligible grantees to prepare food in a licensed commercial kitchen and to distribute meals according to ServSafe guidelines.

Subdivision 3 requires applicants to apply to the commissioner of children, youth, and families.

Subdivision 4 requires grant funds to be used to fund a prepared meals program that primarily targets individuals between 18 and 60 years of age. Prohibits grantees from receiving funding from other state and federal meal programs for activities funded under this section.

Subdivision 5 requires the commissioner of children, youth, and families to develop a process for determining eligible grantees and which applicants the commissioner must prioritize.

Subdivision 6 requires grantees to retain certain documentation and report on the use of funds.

Section 2 (APPROPRIATION) contains a blank appropriation in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the general fund (ongoing) for the prepared meals food relief grants.

