

# Local Food Purchasing Assistance Grant Program

Report to the Legislature

Laws of Minnesota 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 35(d)

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This report fulfills the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) requirement to report on the grants issued through the Local Food Purchase Assistance Grant Program. (Laws of Minnesota 2025, chapter 34, article 3, section 35(d)). During Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, there is \$700,000 available each year for the program.

To date, there have been no grants issued under this program.

The MDA gathered input on program development through two listening sessions with stakeholders. Using this feedback, the MDA is in the process of developing a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP). The MDA anticipates issuing the RFP in February 2026 and making grant awards in early summer 2026 for both fiscal years. Data on those grants will be report in the January 2027 report.

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