



# Legislative Report

## Human Services Contingency Account Report

Calendar Year 2025

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# I. Executive summary

As required by Minnesota Statutes 256.044, this report contains information regarding the Human Services response contingency account, which created a special revenue fund to be used in response to emerging or immediate needs for the health, welfare, or safety of people. The funding is to be used when no other funding sources are available.

The entire balance of this account was spent in CY2025 and shared between the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF).

# II. Legislation

Minnesota Statutes 2024, Chapter 125, Article 7, Sec. 1, Subd. 6:

**Subd. 6. Report.**

By March 1 of each year, the commissioner shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over human services finance and health and human services finance detailing expenditures made in the previous calendar year from the human services response contingency account. This report is exempt from section 256.01, subdivision 42.

### III. Contingency Account

In 2025, DHS provided funding to the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) through a one-time grant. The NACDI grant is a \$1.5 million grant intended to address urgent, life-threatening disparities affecting Native Americans experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Hennepin County. Native Americans are disproportionately represented among people living without shelter and face significantly higher mortality rates than other people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. NACDI serves as the fiscal agent for the grant and manages contracts and payments by issuing subcontracts to partner organizations selected by the Metro Urban Indian Directors, including the American Indian Community Development Corporation, Indigenous Peoples Task Force, Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center, Native American Community Clinic, and Many Shields. Together, these organizations provide peer support, outreach and assessment, drop-in services, a clean-up crew program, and other culturally specific supports. Below is a table indicating the expenditures and payments to NACDI.

Account Name	Account ID	Payment Date	Payment Amount
Native Amer Comm Develop Institute	H5534906	1/23/2025	\$ 583,338.50
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Native Amer Comm Develop Institute	H5534906	7/2/2025	\$ 166,661.50
Native Amer Comm Develop Institute	H5534906	10/2/2025	\$ 166,661.50
<b>Total</b>			\$ 1,500,000.00

In 2025, DCYF was transferred \$4 million from this account to provide additional funding in the wake of absence of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding during a lapse in federal appropriations. Following its usual procedures for disbursing food shelf funding as codified in MS 142F.14, DCYF provided this funding to the Food Group, which in turn distributed it to food shelves across the state. Of the \$4 million allocated, \$3.84 million has been spent. While it is not possible to reliably separate statistics on services provided by funding source, it is possible to estimate the results of this funding by assuming that the number of people served and other statistics are proportional to the total amount of funding available to the program. Given this assumption, DCYF estimates that the funding from the contingency account provided service for approximately 141,000 households comprising 420,000 people, including 147,000 children, 224,000 adults, and 48,000 seniors. DCYF also estimates that approximately 7.3 million pounds of food was provided using this funding.

