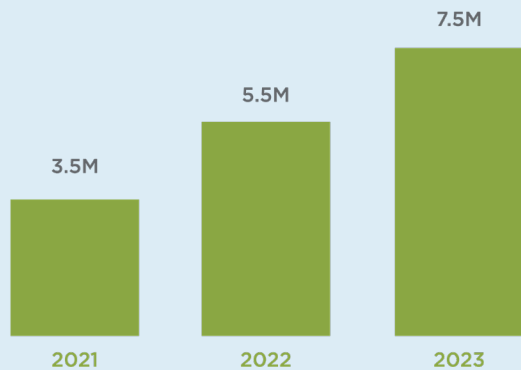


• HELP MAKE HUNGER HISTORY •



Food Shelf Visits in MN

After back-to-back years of record demand for emergency food assistance, Minnesota’s network of food banks, food shelves, and food distribution programs are stretched beyond capacity. Because food banks rely primarily on large donations of food, when donations are down and costs are high —as is the case right now— a greater portion of their budgets go towards food purchasing. Unlike donated food (and food coming from government programs), purchased food comes at some cost to food shelves, further straining their limited budgets.

• THE MN FOOD BANK PROGRAM •

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The Minnesota Food Bank Program would help address these challenges by creating a long-term, reliable source of funding specifically for food purchasing and distribution - providing an infusion of much-needed food at no cost to Minnesota’s food shelves. Food Bank Program dollars cannot be used to cover administrative costs.

As proposed, \$5 million would be allocated annually beginning in the current fiscal year to the state’s six food banks, using the federal TEAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) distribution formula already in place. This formula has a disproportionately beneficial impact on food banks serving Greater Minnesota, where the need is high and resources are harder to come by.



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