

• SNAP HELPS FAMILIES STAY FED •

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal food assistance program serving more than 41 million people in the United States annually, making it the largest anti-hunger program in the country. In Minnesota, over 435,000 people participated in SNAP in 2022, or 8% of the state’s population. More than 64% of SNAP participants are in

households with children, more than 33% are in households with a member who’s disabled or a senior, and more than 54% are in working families. Historically, roughly three-quarters of eligible Minnesotans participate in the program each year—ranking our state 35 out of the 50 states for SNAP participation according to the most recent USDA data.

• SNAP OUTREACH GRANT FUNDING •

HF4165 (Pérez-Vega) / SF4304 (Kupec)

HF4165 would restore funding for the state’s SNAP outreach grant program in the next biennium, helping to avoid a funding cliff at a time when more Minnesotans than ever are experiencing food insecurity.

This program was created by the legislature in 2023 to support the work of organizations across the state helping enroll eligible individuals in SNAP.

In order for DHS and eligible organizations to prepare for the FY25 grant process, funding must be restored in the 2024 legislative session, which is why this legislation is a priority for Second Harvest Heartland and other SNAP outreach organizations in Minnesota.

This legislation also brings federal dollars back to Minnesota through a 50% match for SNAP outreach activities. This USDA program has been in existence since the mid-2000s, and provides a 50% reimbursement to organizations participating in the SNAP Outreach Program with no limit to how much money a state can draw down. Investing another \$1 million in the next biennium, then, would be matched by \$500,000 in federal funds—money we are otherwise leaving on the table.



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