

# Food Shelf Capital Grants

With food shelf visits nearly doubling in the past two years alone, the capacity of the hunger relief network falls well short of the current need. By allocating an additional \$7 million one-time for the food shelf capital grant program, Minnesota would be making a lasting investment in a statewide emergency food system that serves as a safety net for so many.

This grant program will allow local food shelves to improve and expand operations to meet the needs of the increasing number of Minnesotans experiencing food insecurity, including by:

- Adding freezer/cooler space and dry storage space
- Improving safety and sanitation
- Addressing ongoing and deferred maintenance
- Improving and expanding existing infrastructure

In 2023, \$7 million was appropriated to improve and expand food shelves across the state. By the time the application period closed, there were 115 applications totaling over \$52 million in need.

**FOOD SHELVES THAT RECEIVED FUNDING IN FY24-25:**

