

### Mission

The Nourish MN coalition envisions a Minnesota where everyone has the resources they need to thrive, and where everyone's basic needs are met—no matter their race, gender identity, income, ability, or geography. To accomplish this, we will engage in a cross-sector approach that addresses our biggest challenges at their roots, lifting up commonsense ideas to reduce poverty, end hunger, increase mobility, and make housing, healthcare, and childcare affordable and accessible for all Minnesotans.

## **About Nourish MN**

Nourish MN is a coalition of Minnesota nonprofits, agencies, and ally organizations with diverse missions and memberships. The coalition is committed to breaking down the silos of public policy in recognition of the fact that the real-world impact of public policy on Minnesotans' day-to-day lives is interconnected.

Current members include:

- CAPI
- · Goodwill Easter Seals
- Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Minnesota Social Services Association
- MN Council of Latino Affairs
- Move Minnesota
- Open Arms
- Second Harvest Heartland
- The Food Group
- · Valley Outreach, Stillwater



# 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

#### **ABUNDANT HOUSING**

Appropriate \$200 million to the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) to support housing stability and keep families in their homes. Update restrictive zoning laws to allow for more housing of every kind and at every level of affordability in all corners of the state.

#### **ACCESS TO TRANSIT**

Require the Metropolitan Transit Assistance Program (TAP) to be included in the Department of Human Services Benefits Portal to simplify the process of receiving a TAP card.

#### CHILDCARE AFFORDABILITY

Fully fund Early Learning Scholarships for eligible children, expand eligibility, and fund scholarships for children in middle class families.

#### **CONNECTING TO SERVICES**

Provide state funding for 211, which Minnesotans can call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to obtain free and confidential information on health and human servicesfocused supports.

#### **FOOD AS MEDICINE**

\$5 million in ongoing funds to provide an estimated 750,000 nutritious prepared meals each year for Minnesotans in need.

#### SENIOR NUTRITION

Increase the minimum SNAP benefit for Minnesotans age 60+ from \$23/month to \$50/month.