

# Mobile Food Shelves (HF 1049/SF 356)

#### What are Mobile Food Shelves?

Mobile food shelf programs increase access to nutritious food for individuals who experience barriers to accessing food from traditional food shelves. Mobile food shelves bring the food shelf directly to individuals who have mobility issues, disabilities, lack transportation or do not live near a bricks and mortar food shelf.

### Minnesota has made great strides in improving Mobile Food Shelf access

In 2015, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$2 million in mobile food shelf funding (HF1843/SF513). This funding, distributed under a contract with Hunger Solutions Minnesota through a competitive grant selection process, has funded 35 grants to mobile food shelves throughout the state to establish or expand their mobile food shelf programs.



"We don't have a car and the only food store in walking distance is a convenience store and that's too expensive to feed our family of 6. It's a real blessing to receive produce, food and bread every week."

~Client at CROSS Services Rogers, MN

An additional 22 food shelves have indicated they are interested in starting or expanding mobile food shelves yet remain unfunded.

## Why we need continued funding for Mobile Food Shelves

Thousands of low-income Minnesotans continue to struggle to put food on their table and have not benefited from our state's economic improvements.

Minnesota's population is aging, particularly in rural areas. As the population ages, more seniors will encounter transportation and mobility issues that prevent them from being able to reach a local food shelf.

#### What you can do

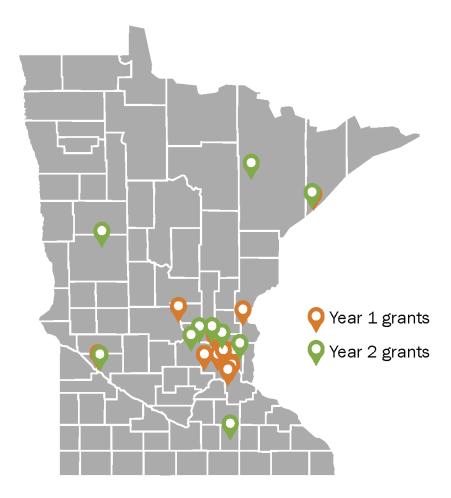
Support renewed funding for mobile food shelves at \$250,000 per year for new programs and \$250,000 per year to sustain existing programs.

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# Location of Mobile Food Shelf Grants 2016-2017



#### Year 1

Catholic Charities of St. Cloud CEAP/Anoka CAN (Blaine) Christian Cupboard (Woodbury) CROSS (Rogers) East Side Neighborhood Services (Minneapolis) ECHO Food Shelf (Mankato) Family Pathways (North Branch) ICA Food Shelf (Minnetonka) Keystone Community Services (St. Paul) Merrick Community Services (St. Paul) NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center (Minneapolis) Prairie Five Community Action (Montevideo) The Food Group (New Hope) The Open Door (Eagan) Two Harbors Area Food Shelf Vineyard Community Services (Burnsville) Western Community Action Network (Mound)

#### Year 2

CAER (Elk River) CEAP (Brooklyn Center) Chisholm Food Shelf Community Emergency Service (Minneapolis) CROSS (Rogers) Family Pathways (North Branch) Good in the Hood (Bloomington) Keystone Community Services (St. Paul) Merrick Community Services (Saint Paul) Monticello Help Center Perham Food Shelf Prairie Five Community Action (Montevideo) Sabathani Community Center (Minneapolis) Steele County Food Shelf (Owatonna) The Open Door (Eagan) Valley Outreach (Stillwater) White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf Wright County Community Action (Maple Lake)

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