



# OUR STATEWIDE FOOD INSECURITY CRISIS REQUIRES ACTION NOW!

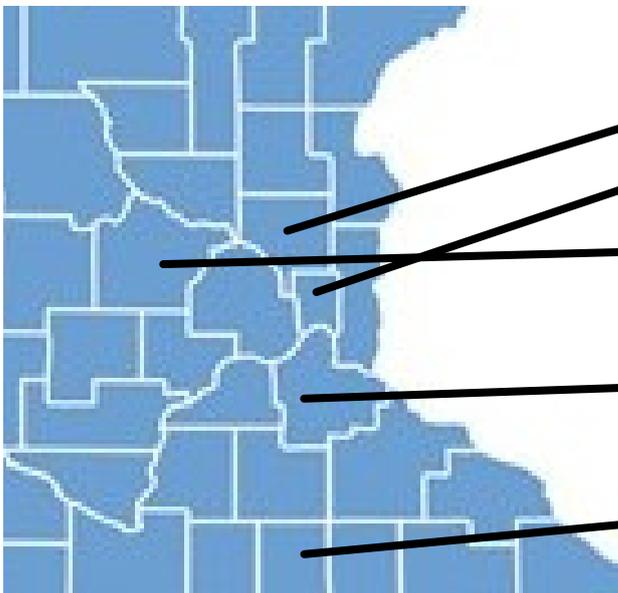


## NEEDS HAVE INCREASED RAPIDLY

- Minnesotans made 3,831,293 visits to food shelves in 2020, a record high during an unprecedented year, and 434,587 more visits than the record high set in 2019
- Seniors visiting food shelves in 2020 increased by 31%
- If Minnesota food shelves were open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, more than seven people would visit a food shelf every minute

citation: <https://www.hungersolutions.org/data-posts/minnesota-food-shelf-visits-up-7-in-2020-a-new-record-high/>

## FOOD SHELVES NEED SUPPORT TO CONTINUE SERVING MINNESOTA RESIDENTS



### Total Projects Request:

\$7,385,000 in fiscal year 2022 appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants to Minnesota food relief organizations for infrastructure needs. **This is a onetime appropriation request.**



\$3,000,000 for Keystone Community Services for the construction, renovation, and equipment of a new community food site in Ramsey County toward their \$6.5 million project. **Keystone has a million-dollar challenge grant contingent on receiving \$3 million in state funding. Keystone is the largest food shelf provider in the east metro.** This 20,000 Sq. Ft. new facility will support the increasing number of people turning to Keystone for food and crisis support. In 2020 Keystone provided 20,000 low-income households with food and crisis supports, equivalent to 180,000 free bags of groceries. **The new site will increase our impact by 50%.** The food site will also help expand our Foodmobile program that makes 30+ stops in high demand areas.



\$1,500,000 for Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA) for acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment of a new food shelf toward their \$3 million project. **This new site will add 5 livable wage jobs,** and the new 11,500 Sq. Ft. site will double SACA's current size to meet 35% increase in community demand for food shelf and food delivery services. **In 2020, the number of senior food delivery and food shelf visits was approximately 16,000 a 35% increase over 2019.**



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\$1,500,000 for 360 Communities for acquisition, construction, and equipment of a new resource center and food shelf in southern Dakota County toward their \$3 million project. 360 Communities operates two resource centers and five food shelves across Dakota County. **In 2020, they served 8,637 unduplicated individuals, distributing 1,789,887 pounds of food. This new SuperShelf facility will increase days of operation, expand services, and increase impact in southern Dakota County by 25%.**



\$1,000,000 for Community Pathways of Steele County for acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment to renovate and expand current food shelf location of their \$2.6 million project. **This expansion would double our size from 6,000 Sq. Ft. to 12,000 and increase our impact by 50%. The purpose of this building is for a Marketplace - food for families who struggle with food insecurity.** Community Pathways is proud to be a SuperShelf, knowing that healthier citizens can be more productive and feel better about themselves.



\$385,000 for Wright County Community Action to expand volume of food rescue distribution, including but not limited to staffing, transportation, supply costs, administrative support, training, and volunteer training costs. New preservation opportunities include refrigerated, frozen, canned, or dehydrated products, so that preserved food will be distributed also. **In 2020 over 150,000 lbs. of fresh produce were distributed. WCCA has the distribution capacity to supply 60% more fresh vegetables and fruit annually directly from the farm to an expanded network of local food shelves and other food security partners in the form of fresh farm produce ready to distribute or to preserve for distribution during winter months.**

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