

This Document can be made available  
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**EIGHTY-FIFTH  
SESSION**

**HOUSE FILE No. 2404**

April 2, 2007

Authored by Heidgerken

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; providing for grants to food shelves for the purchase  
1.3 of milk; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; GRANT FOR FOOD BANK MILK PURCHASES.**

1.6 \$500,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated  
1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture for grants to Second Harvest  
1.8 Heartland on behalf of Minnesota's six Second Harvest food banks for the purchase of  
1.9 milk for distribution to Minnesota's food shelves and other charitable organizations that  
1.10 are eligible to receive food from the food banks. Milk purchased under the grants must  
1.11 be acquired from Minnesota milk processors and based on lowest-cost bids. The milk  
1.12 must be allocated to each Second Harvest food bank serving Minnesota according to the  
1.13 formula used in the distribution of United States Department of Agriculture commodities  
1.14 under the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Second Harvest Heartland must  
1.15 submit quarterly reports to the commissioner of agriculture on forms prescribed by the  
1.16 commissioner of agriculture. The reports must include, but are not limited to, information  
1.17 on the expenditure of funds, the amount of milk purchased, and the organizations to which  
1.18 the milk was distributed. No later than February 1, 2009, the commissioner of agriculture  
1.19 must report to the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over agriculture finance.  
1.20 Second Harvest Heartland may enter into contracts or agreements with food banks for  
1.21 shared funding or reimbursement of the direct purchase of milk. Each food bank receiving  
1.22 money from this appropriation may use up to two percent of the grant for administrative  
1.23 expenses.