

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Hogan, Klein, Vedaa

Representatives Hanson, Monson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for a rural grocery  
2 store sustainability and food access expansion pilot grant program.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - RURAL GROCERY**  
5 **STORE SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD ACCESS EXPANSION PILOT GRANTS - ONE-TIME**  
6 **FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,  
7 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ~~\$2,000,000~~\$1,000,000, or so much of the sum as may  
8 be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of establishing a pilot program to  
9 provide grants for the preservation of rural grocery stores and increasing the availability of food  
10 access in the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. The  
11 department of commerce shall establish guidelines to award funding under this section. This  
12 funding is considered a one-time funding item.