Rural Grocery Sustainability Grants Region 4 Summary

October 2025

\$1 Million Pool-

The 2025 Legislature appropriated \$1 million for the Rural Grocery Sustainability Grant. This is the second biennium of the program. Rural fresh food access has become a larger issue in recent years across the state. In 2023, the Nelson / Pembina County Food Access Study and the Crystal Booster Club received funding from this program.

There were 47 completed applications submitted totaling \$4.8 million.

Applications were reviewed and scored by an independent panel and announcements were made by the ND Department of Commerce on September 22, 2025.

11 applications were awarded full or partial funding.



Hoople - Hoople Gracer
Lakota - City of Lakota

Commerce

Nine applications submitted from Region 4: three projects awarded \$244,662 total

Grand Forks County

• Kylie Hippen, Thompson

Nelson County

- Farmers Union Oil Co., Lakota funded
- Lyndi's Market, Inc., Tolna
- McVille Market, McVille
- Michigan Hometown Foods, Michigan

Pembina County

- · D&K Grocery, Pembina funded
- The Chuck Stop LLC, Crystal

Walsh County

- · Hoople Grocery, Hoople funded
- · Market on Main, Edinburg



It is fulfilling as a legislator when government can put grants on the ground and assist in this way. We need to grow this program so there are no longer any rural food deserts in our state. We must make sure fresh groceries are available at all times.

- Sen. Janne Myrdal, SB 2228 sponsor which created this program and Rural Caucus Co-Chair

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