

Second Harvest Heartland Advocacy Update 2019 Minnesota Legislative Session



- 1. Farm to Food Shelf funding continues, with a little extra.**
 - We will continue to receive \$1.1 million annually for produce for 2020 – 2021 (no change).
 - We will receive \$600,000 annually for milk (this is up by \$50,000/year).
 - Our request for \$500,000/year for protein was not funded.
 - Overall, this is a move in the right direction – even if just a baby step. Over the coming weeks we will look at strategies to increase this funding, likely in the next budget year, which will be in 2021. Lots of work to do in the interim, but again, this is a good movement!
- 2. Food Waste Recovery Grants are established.**
 - The MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) received funding for \$500,000 for each of the next four years for competitive grants for food waste recovery.
 - We recently met with MPCA Commissioner Bishop about this so now our job is to work on getting a grant from them to fund food waste recovery efforts.
- 3. No funding for [Breakfast After the Bell](#).**
 - We were in play until the VERY end, which is fabulous. I'm certain the coalition behind this will continue this effort over the next couple of years to secure the funding needed.
 - A million thanks to Rebecca Mino and An Garagiola-Bernier, along with the Second Harvest Communications team for coordinating the coalition and keeping our steady drumbeat going for FIVE months to raise awareness and gain support.
 - **Special shout out to agency partners** that brought their voice to the fight by signing onto effort and contacting legislators.

We'll take the next several weeks to map strategy for our advocacy efforts going forward. **Please stay tuned for information about the path forward and share your feedback about the advocacy efforts you want to see from SHH!**

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