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Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2273**  
**with House Amendments**  
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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 - MATCHING**  
6 **FUNDS REQUIREMENT - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in  
7 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so  
8 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of commerce for the purpose of  
9 establishing a pilot program to provide grants for the preservation of rural grocery stores and  
10 increasing the availability of food access in the state, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,  
11 and ending June 30, 2025. The department of commerce may spend the funds appropriated in  
12 this section only to the extent eligible applicants have secured matching funds from nonstate  
13 sources on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The department of commerce shall establish guidelines to  
14 award funding under this section. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.