

29 local funds to the extent [~~provided by federal law~~] federal law provides and may provide
 30 direct financial assistance in the instances and on the conditions [~~set forth by~~] federal
 31 law and regulations establish.

32 (2)(a) When federal funds are not available or used for payment of direct financial
 33 assistance to a person [~~displaced by the acquisition of real property by an agency~~] that
 34 an agency's acquisition of real property displaces, the displacing agency may provide
 35 direct financial assistance to the person.

36 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3), financial assistance authorized by this
 37 Subsection (2) may not exceed the total amount that would have been payable under
 38 Subsection (1) if federal funds [~~had been~~] were available or used.

39 (3)(a)(i) The amount of direct financial assistance [~~provided~~] an agency provides to a
 40 person displaced by the agency's acquisition of real property [~~by any agency~~]
 41 includes actual reasonable expenses necessary to reestablish a displaced farm, a
 42 displaced nonprofit organization, or a displaced business at a new site, in
 43 accordance with criteria [~~established by the agency by rule, but not exceeding~~
 44 \$50,000] the agency establishes by rule made in accordance with Title 63G,
 45 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

46 (ii) The amount of direct financial assistance provided in accordance with Subsection
 47 (3)(a)(i) may not exceed \$75,000.

48 (b) The [~~\$50,000~~] limit on direct financial assistance [~~established in~~] Subsection (3)(a)
 49 describes:

50 (i) applies despite any lower limit established by federal statute or regulation or
 51 agency rule; and

52 (ii) does not apply if a higher limit is established by federal statute or regulation.

53 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2027, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the Department of
 54 Transportation shall adjust the limit on direct financial assistance described in
 55 Subsection (3) by taking the limit on direct financial assistance for the previous year
 56 and adding an amount equal to the greater of:

57 (i) an amount calculated by multiplying the limit on direct financial assistance of the
 58 previous year by the actual percentage change during the previous Consumer
 59 Price Index as determined by the State Tax Commission; and

60 (ii) 0.

61 (d) On or before January 30 of each year, the Department of Transportation shall:

62 (i) calculate and publish the inflation-adjusted limit on direct financial assistance; and

63 (ii) provide the published inflation-adjusted limit on direct financial assistance to the
64 Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman.

65 (4)(a) A displaced person eligible for payments under this chapter who is displaced from
66 the person's place of business or farm may accept payment under this Subsection (4)
67 in lieu of any payment under the displacing agency's rules if the person is eligible
68 under the agency's criteria.

69 (b) A payment under this Subsection (4) is a fixed payment of at least \$1,000 but not
70 more than \$75,000.

71 (c) A person whose sole business at the site from which the person is displaced is the
72 rental of property to others does not qualify for payment under this Subsection (4).

73 (5) Assistance under this section may not be provided to a person who is ineligible to
74 receive relocation assistance under a federal statute or regulation.

75 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

76 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.