

1 **Senior Nutrition Private Donation Incentives**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

House Sponsor:

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill creates an incentive for private donations for senior nutrition programs.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

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- 8 ▶ establishes the Senior Nutrition Private Donation Matching Fund; and
 - 9 ▶ creates a matching incentive for local area agencies that obtain qualifying private
- 10 donations.

11 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

12 None

13 **Other Special Clauses:**

14 None

15 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

16 ENACTS:

17 **26B-6-115**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

18 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

19 Section 1. Section **26B-6-115** is enacted to read:

20 **26B-6-115 . Senior nutrition private donation incentives.**

21 (1) As used in this section:

22 (a) "Area need" means the food and nutrition needs of seniors in a geographical area
 23 served by a local area agency, as determined by:

24 (i) the number of seniors receiving or on the waiting list for home delivered meals;

25 and

26 (ii) the percentage of individuals described in Subsection (1)(a)(i) compared to the
 27 total population.

28 (b) "Fund" means the Senior Nutrition Private Donation Matching Fund.

29 (2)(a) There is created the Senior Nutrition Private Donation Matching Fund.

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- 31 (b) The fund shall consist of:
- 32 (i) 25% of a legislative appropriation made after January 1, 2026, and before January
- 33 1, 2027, for the purpose of supporting home delivered meals for seniors;
- 34 (ii) 50% of a legislative appropriation made after January 1, 2027, for the purpose of
- 35 supporting home delivered meals for seniors;
- 36 (iii) private donations; and
- 37 (iv) interest earned on money in the account.
- 38 (c) Distributions from the fund shall be used:
- 39 (i) to match private donations that a local area agency fundraises; and
- 40 (ii) to support home delivered meals for seniors.
- 41 (3) The division may distribute funds, in accordance with Subsection (4), to a local area
- 42 agency if the agency fundraises a private donation that:
- 43 (a) is separate from funds used for matching as described in Section 26B-6-108;
- 44 (b) is not an in kind donation; and
- 45 (c) is not donated by a recipient of agency services.
- 46 (4)(a) The division shall develop a formula to distribute money in the fund.
- 47 (b) The formula described in Subsection (4)(a) shall:
- 48 (i) be based on the area need; and
- 49 (ii) account for:
- 50 (A) the higher costs of providing service in a rural area; and
- 51 (B) reduced capacity for fundraising in a rural area.

52 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.