

Keven J. Stratton proposes the following substitute bill:

**Senior Nutrition Private Donation Incentives**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton**

House Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

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

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

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

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

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

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

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

and

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

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

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

31 (b) The fund shall consist of:

32 (i) appropriations from the Legislature;

33 (ii) private donations; and

34 (iii) interest earned on money in the account.

35 (c) Distributions from the fund shall be used:

36 (i) to match private donations that a local area agency fundraises; and

37 (ii) to support home delivered meals for seniors.

38 (3)(a) The division may distribute funds, in accordance with Subsection (4), to a local  
39 area agency if the agency fundraises a private donation that:

40 (i) is separate from funds used for matching as described in Section 26B-6-108;

41 (ii) is not an in kind donation; and

42 (iii) is not donated by a recipient of agency services.

43 (b) A private donation may include a donation from a public entity.

44 (4)(a) The division shall develop a formula to distribute money in the fund.

45 (b) The formula described in Subsection (4)(a) shall:

46 (i) be based on the area need; and

47 (ii) account for:

48 (A) the higher costs of providing service in a rural area; and

49 (B) reduced capacity for fundraising in a rural area.

50 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

51 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.