

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:

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

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 (c) The division shall report the formulas developed in accordance with this Subsection
- 51 (4) to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

52 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.