

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: David Shallenberger

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 total number of seniors receiving and 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 (d) The fund may not include any donations or appropriations made before July 1, 2025.
39 (3)(a) The division may distribute funds, in accordance with Subsection (4), to a local
40 area agency if the agency fundraises a private donation that:
41 (i) is separate from funds used for matching as described in Section 26B-6-108;
42 (ii) is not an in kind donation; and
43 (iii) is not donated by a recipient of agency services.
44 (b)(i) A private donation may include a donation from a public entity if the donation
45 is:
46 (A) received after December 31, 2025; and
47 (B) is more than the public entity donated in the previous fiscal year.
48 (ii) Only the amount of the increase described in Subsection (3)(b)(i)(B) is eligible
49 for matching.
50 (4)(a) The division shall develop a formula to distribute money in the fund.
51 (b) The formula described in Subsection (4)(a) shall:
52 (i) be based on the area need; and
53 (ii) account for:
54 (A) the existing state formula;
55 (B) the higher costs of providing service in a rural area; and
56 (C) reduced capacity for fundraising in a rural area.
57 (c) The division shall report the formulas developed in accordance with this Subsection
58 (4) to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

59 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

60 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.