

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 36**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT,  
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
YEAR.

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**Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 36**

Amend Senate Bill 36 as engrossed S3/17/25 (version: 3/17/25 04:21:25 PM):

On page 9, immediately following Section 13, insert the following:

" SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER COMMUNITY GRANT MATCH PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant match payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) FIGHT SENIOR HUNGER GRANT MATCH	<u>\$400,000"</u>

AND

On page 16, immediately following Section 21, insert the following:

" SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20, Subtitle 5, Chapter 76, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:



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Subchapter 9 – Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program

20-76-901. Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program –  
Creation – Definitions.

(a) There is created a grant program to be known as the "Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program" to incentivize Arkansas counties, cities, and nonprofit organizations to help fight senior hunger in their respective communities.

(b) The Department of Human Services is authorized to award a grant to a county, city, or nonprofit organization from funds provided if:

(1) The county, city, or nonprofit organization develops a written plan for providing meals or food to senior citizens in its community and submits the written plan to the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for approval; and

(2) The members of the county quorum court, city council, or nonprofit organization submits proof that, through either donations of money or property in kind, citizens of the county or city, or persons associated with the nonprofit organization, have pledged or will make available no less than one-half (1/2) of the cost of the program.

(c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) of this section, upon the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services approval of compliance required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department may approve a state grant to be used for the benefit of the county, city, or nonprofit organization program in an amount that equals up to one-half (1/2) of the estimated program cost.

(2) The state's share of the county, city, or nonprofit organization program shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

(d) As used in this section:

(1) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization formed under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it existed on January 1, 2025; and

(2) "Property in kind" is limited to kitchen and dining space operational costs that would be associated with the county, city, or nonprofit organization's program.

20-76-902. Reporting.

Each Area Agency on Aging shall report on its active programs and expenditures to address senior food insecurity under this subchapter to the:

(1) House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs at least one (1) time each year and during a legislative session; and

(2) Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth at least one (1) time each year during a legislative interim."

AND

Appropriately renumber the section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

By: Representative Cavanaugh

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Secretary