



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1920

Bill Subtitle: TO TRANSFER GENERAL REVENUE TO THE AGING AND ADULT SERVICES FUND ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR FOOD SERVICES BENEFITING THE ELDERLY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Sponsors:

Reps. McClure and Cavanaugh

Sen. Wallace

Basic Change:

HB1920 creates a pilot program for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, to provide funding for food services to benefit the elderly. The program transfers up to \$7,000,000 to the Aging and Adult Services Fund Account to be used exclusively for meal and food services for the elderly.

The money transferred to the Aging and Adult Services Fund Account will be used as follows:

- 7% (not to exceed \$490,000) to the Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program; and
- 93% to be divided equally between raw food costs in accordance with the Nutrition Services Incentive Program and the operating and labor costs of preparing and delivering meals to the elderly.

HB1920 establishes the grant match program to allow DHS to award grants if:

- The applicant develops and submits to the area agency on aging a written plan for providing meals or food to senior citizens; and
- The applicant submits proof of pledged funds to cover at least 50% of the cost of the program.

The state share of the program cannot exceed \$20,000.

HB1920 contains an emergency clause and will become effective on July 1, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

Up to \$7 million will be transferred from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the Aging and Adult Services Fund Account to address food insecurity for the elderly.

Taxpayer Impact:

Senior citizens of Arkansas that experience food insecurity would receive meals either through a senior citizen center or by home delivery of meals.

Resources Required:

None.



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Time Required:

Time would be required by the Department of Human Services for the review and monitoring of grants authorized by the bill.

Procedural Changes:

No procedural changes are required by the bill.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.