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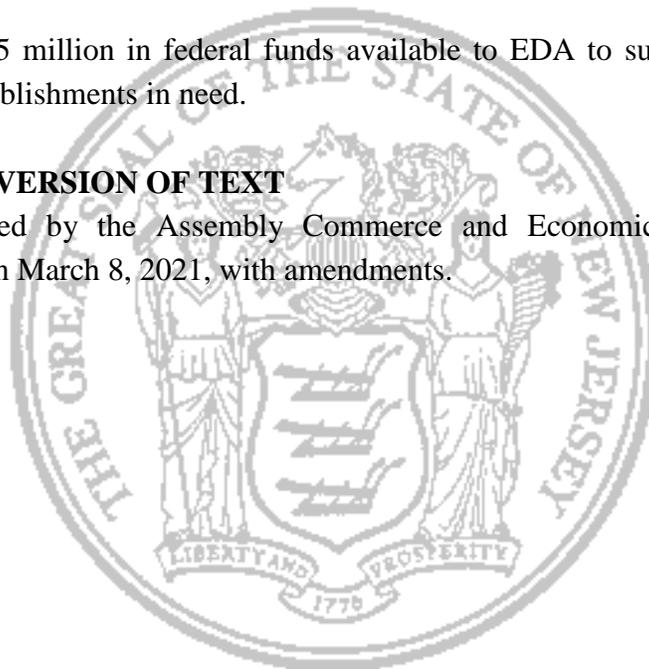
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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes \$35 million in federal funds available to EDA to support food and beverage establishments in need.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee on March 8, 2021, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/17/2021)**

1 **1** **[A SUPPLEMENT** to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,  
2 **P.L.2020, c.97]** **AN ACT** making federal funding available to the  
3 **New Jersey Economic Development Authority to support food**  
4 **and beverage establishments in need**<sup>1</sup>.  
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and the General Assembly of the  
7 *State of New Jersey:*  
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9 <sup>1</sup>[1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,  
10 c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there is  
11 appropriated the following sum/sum for the purpose specified:  
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**82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**  
*50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
*51 Economic Planning and Development*

**GRANTS-IN-AID**

|         |  |              |
|---------|--|--------------|
| 38-2043 | Economic Development .....             | \$35,000,000 |
|         | Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,     |              |
|         | Economic Planning and Development..... | \$35,000,000 |

***Grants-in-Aid:***

38 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Assistance to Food  
and Beverage Establishments, EDA..... (\$35,000,000)

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14 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
15 –Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall be  
16 allocated from a portion of federal block grant funds allocated to  
17 the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established  
18 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
19 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal  
20 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus  
21 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.  
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23 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund  
24 – Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall  
25 be allocated by the New Jersey Economic Development  
26 Authority to restaurants and dining establishments at which 100  
27 or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State, and to  
28 bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments  
29 serving alcoholic beverages on its premises at which 100 or  
30 fewer workers are employed at a location in this State. The New  
31 Jersey Economic Development Authority shall establish  
32 minimum grant eligibility criteria and the size of the grant  
33 awards to meet the needs of the grantee entities in responding to  
34 the public health crisis.]<sup>1</sup>

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ACE committee amendments adopted March 8, 2021.

1       <sup>1</sup>1. a. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or  
2 made accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated  
3 to the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established  
4 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic  
5 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal  
6 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus  
7 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, \$35,000,000 from such  
8 federal funds shall be made available to the New Jersey Economic  
9 Development Authority for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of  
10 this section.

11       b. The funds made available to the New Jersey Economic  
12 Development Authority pursuant to subsection a. of this section  
13 shall be reserved by the authority to provide financial support, by  
14 way of grants, to eligible food and beverage establishments.

15       c. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall  
16 establish the size of the awards and eligibility of entities in  
17 subsection b. of this section to meet the needs of the eligible food  
18 and beverage establishments in responding to the public health  
19 crisis.

20       d. As used in this section “eligible food and beverage  
21 establishments” means restaurants and dining establishments at  
22 which 100 or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State,  
23 and bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments  
24 servicing alcoholic beverages on its premises at which 100 or fewer  
25 workers are employed at a location in this State.<sup>1</sup>

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.