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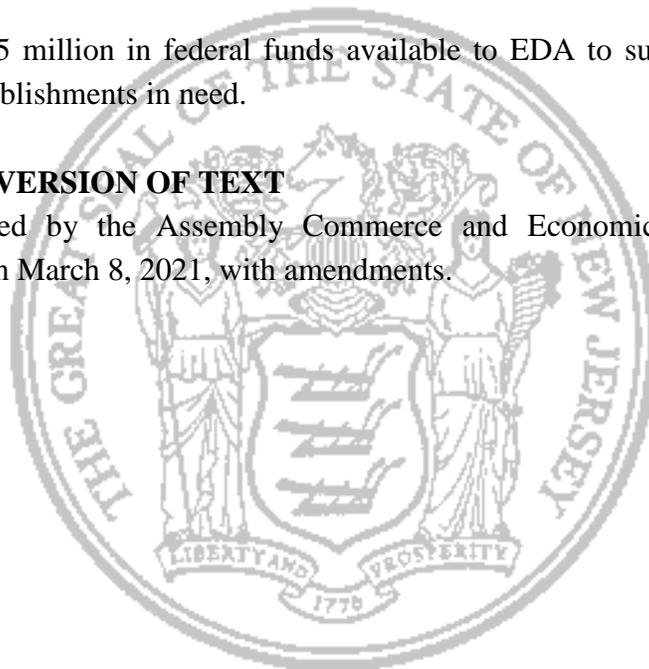
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SYNOPSIS

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**¹.
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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 ¹[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.]¹

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:
¹Assembly ACE committee amendments adopted March 8, 2021.

1 ¹1. 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.¹

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.