

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 114, *approved June 22, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5707

1 **A SUPPLEMENT** to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,
8 c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2021, there is
9 appropriated the following 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	\$50,000,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Economic Planning and Development	\$50,000,000

Grants-in-Aid:

38 Assistance to Businesses and Nonprofits, EDA	(\$50,000,000)
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12 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Businesses
13 and Nonprofits, EDA, shall be allocated to the New Jersey
14 Economic Development Authority to provide financial assistance
15 to eligible businesses and nonprofit organizations, pursuant to
16 section 1 of P.L.2021, c.46. The authority may transfer the
17 uncommitted balance of any funds hereinabove appropriated for
18 Assistance to Businesses and Nonprofits, EDA, for the purposes
19 of any program established pursuant to P.L.2021, c.42, P.L.2021,
20 c.43, P.L.2021, c.45, or P.L.2021, c.47, as well as the Sustain
21 and Serve NJ Program and the Startup Business and Nonprofit
22 Assistance Program, established pursuant to P.L. ,
23 c. (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 5708
24 of 2021 and Senate Bill No. 3795 of 2021); provided, however,
25 that the authority shall submit notice to the Joint Budget
26 Oversight Committee no less than five calendar days before the
27 date of the transfer. At a minimum, the notice shall indicate the
28 amount of and purpose for the transferred funds.
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30 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Businesses
31 and Nonprofits, EDA, is conditioned upon the submission of a
32 report by the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey
33 Economic Development Authority to the Governor and the

1 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
2 19.1), detailing the expenditure of program funds. At a
3 minimum, the report shall indicate the number of businesses and
4 nonprofit organizations that applied for financial assistance; the
5 number of businesses and nonprofit organizations that received
6 financial assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided
7 to each recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.

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9 Of the amounts appropriated to the New Jersey Economic
10 Development Authority for Assistance to Food and Beverage
11 Establishments, Assistance to Businesses and Nonprofits,
12 Assistance to Child Care Providers, Assistance to
13 Microbusinesses, the Sustain and Serve NJ Program, and the
14 Startup Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program, the
15 authority may retain not more than \$1,000,000 to defray
16 administrative expenses.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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This bill appropriates \$50 million from the General Fund to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to support businesses and nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In April 2021, the State enacted P.L.2021, c.46 to provide \$15 million in federal funding to the EDA for disbursement to eligible businesses and nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill provides \$50 million in additional State funding to support this program. As permitted under P.L.2021, c.46, the bill allows the EDA to transfer uncommitted funds to other programs administered by the authority to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also allows a portion of these funds to be used for administrative expenses.

As a condition of receiving State funds, the bill also requires the EDA to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature detailing the expenditure of program funds. At a minimum, the report would be required to indicate the number of businesses and nonprofit organizations that applied for financial assistance; the number of businesses and nonprofit organizations that received financial assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided to each recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.

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- 3 pandemic.