

SENATE, No. 3524

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/22/2021)

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, c.97,
8 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	\$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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12 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund
13 –Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall be
14 allocated from a portion of federal block grant funds allocated to
15 the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established
16 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
17 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal
18 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus
19 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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21 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund
22 – Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA shall
23 be allocated by the New Jersey Economic Development
24 Authority to restaurants and dining establishments at which 100
25 or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State, and to
26 bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments
27 serving alcoholic beverages on its premises at which 100 or
28 fewer workers are employed at a location in this State. The New
29 Jersey Economic Development Authority shall establish
30 minimum grant eligibility criteria and the size of the grant
31 awards to meet the needs of the grantee entities in responding to
32 the public health crisis.

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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill appropriates \$35 million in federal funds to the
39 Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants for the

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1 public purpose of supporting an important part of the State's
2 economy affected by the public health crisis. The grants will be
3 awarded by the EDA to restaurants and bars with fewer than 100
4 employees and who are in need of support as a result of the public
5 health crisis.