

# ASSEMBLY, No. 5706

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**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$20 million from General Fund to EDA to support food and beverage establishments impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2021)

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,  
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 .....	\$20,000,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Economic Planning and Development .....	<u>\$20,000,000</u>

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

38 Assistance to Food and Beverage  
Establishments, EDA ..... (\$20,000,000)

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12 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Assistance to Food and  
13 Beverage Establishments, EDA, shall be allocated to the New  
14 Jersey Economic Development Authority to provide financial  
15 assistance to eligible food and beverage establishments, pursuant  
16 to section 1 of P.L.2021, c.45. The authority may transfer the  
17 uncommitted balance of any funds hereinabove appropriated for  
18 Assistance to Food and Beverage Establishments, EDA, for the  
19 purposes of any program established pursuant to P.L.2021, c.42,  
20 P.L.2021, c.43, P.L.2021, c.46, or P.L.2021, c.47, as well as the  
21 Sustain and Serve NJ Program and the Startup Business and  
22 Nonprofit 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 Food and  
31 Beverage Establishments, EDA, is conditioned upon the  
32 submission of a report by the Chief Executive Officer of the New  
33 Jersey Economic Development Authority to the Governor and  
34 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
35 (C.52:14-19.1), detailing the expenditure of program funds. At a  
36 minimum, the report shall indicate the number of food and  
37 beverage establishments that applied for financial assistance; the

1 number of food and beverage establishments that received  
2 financial assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided  
3 to each recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.

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

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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17 STATEMENT

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19 This bill appropriates \$20 million from the General Fund to the  
20 New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to support  
21 food and beverage establishments impacted by the COVID-19  
22 pandemic.

23 In April 2021, the State enacted P.L.2021, c.45 to provide \$35  
24 million in federal funding to the EDA for disbursement to eligible  
25 food and beverage establishments impacted by the COVID-19  
26 pandemic. This bill provides \$20 million in additional State  
27 funding to support this program. As permitted under P.L.2021,  
28 c.45, the bill allows the EDA to transfer uncommitted funds to other  
29 programs administered by the authority to address the impact of the  
30 COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also allows a portion of these funds  
31 to be used for administrative expenses.

32 As a condition of receiving State funds, the bill also requires the  
33 EDA to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature  
34 detailing the expenditure of program funds. At a minimum, the  
35 report would be required to indicate the number of food and  
36 beverage establishments that applied for financial assistance; the  
37 number of food and beverage establishments that received financial  
38 assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided to each  
39 recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.