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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY 2020 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$5 million to DCA for NJSHARES - S.M.A.R.T. Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Housing Committee on August 13, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/28/2020)

1 **A SUPPLEMENT** to "An Act making appropriations for the support
 2 of the State Government and the several public purposes for the
 3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and regulating the disbursement
 4 thereof," approved June 30, 2019 (P.L.2019, c.150).

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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. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2019,
 10 c.150, ¹and notwithstanding any provision of section 2 of P.L.2020,
 11 c.43 to the contrary,¹ there is appropriated out of the General Fund
 12 the following sum for the purpose specified:
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22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security

55 Social Services Programs

Grants-in-Aid

05-8050 Community Resources	¹ [\$10,000,000] <u>\$5,000,000¹</u>
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	¹ [\$10,000,000]
Social Services Programs	<u>\$5,000,000¹</u>

Grants-in-Aid:

05 NJSHARES - S.M.A.R.T. Program	¹ [\$10,000,000]] <u>(\$5,000,000)¹</u>
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 15 The amounts hereinabove appropriated for the NJSHARES -
 16 S.M.A.R.T. Program shall be awarded by the Commissioner of
 17 Community Affairs to homeowners and tenants of residential
 18 property throughout the State who suffered financial loss during the
 19 pendency of the Governor's declaration of a Public Health
 20 Emergency under the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005,
 21 c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), and of a State of Emergency under
 22 P.L.1942, c. 251 (C.App.A.9-33 et seq.), in relation to the
 23 coronavirus disease 2019. ¹**[Of the amounts]** The \$5 million¹
 24 appropriated herein ¹**[, \$5 million]**¹ shall be appropriated from the
 25 ¹**[Affordable Housing Trust Fund for rent and mortgage assistance**
 26 **and \$5 million shall be appropriated from the]**¹ Universal Service
 27 Fund for utility payment assistance. The Commissioner of
 28 Community Affairs shall design and establish program criteria and
 29 guidelines consistent with this act which the Commissioner of
 30 Community Affairs deems necessary and appropriate to award
 31 grants to eligible homeowners and tenants in an expeditious manner
 32 so to enable eligible homeowners and tenants to comply with their

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 AHO committee amendments adopted August 13, 2020.

- 1 ¹~~['rent, mortgage, and']~~¹ utilities obligations. The Commissioner of
2 Community Affairs may implement this program through the award
3 of contracts, or through the delegation of its authority to award
4 grants, to private nonprofit organizations, public agencies, or both.
5 To be eligible for a grant under this program, a homeowner or
6 tenant shall not be eligible for, or a recipient of funding from,
7 private insurance or from any other available funding opportunity
8 which may be considered a duplication of benefits.
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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.