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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 Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/25/2021)

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 need¹.

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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.....	<u>\$35,000,000</u>

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

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.
²Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 17, 2021.

1 awards to meet the needs of the grantee entities in responding to
2 the public health crisis.】¹

3 ¹1. a. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or made
4 accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated to the
5 State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established pursuant
6 to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
7 (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal funds made
8 available to the State in response to the coronavirus disease 2019
9 (COVID-19) pandemic, \$35,000,000 from such federal funds shall be
10 made available to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority
11 for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of this section.

12 b. ²(1)² The funds made available to the New Jersey Economic
13 Development Authority pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall
14 be reserved by the authority to provide financial support, by way of
15 grants, to eligible food and beverage establishments. ²The authority
16 may use not more than five percent of the funds to defray any
17 administrative expenses incurred in the implementation of this section.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this
19 subsection to the contrary, the authority may transfer the uncommitted
20 balance of any funds made available pursuant to this section to any
21 program established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
22 the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 5443 or Senate Bill No. 3523 of
23 2021), P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
24 Assembly Bill No. 5445 or Senate Bill No. 3520 of 2021), P.L. ,
25 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No.
26 5446 or Senate Bill No. 3519 of 2021), or P.L. , c. (C.)
27 (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 5447 or Senate
28 Bill No. 3521 of 2021). The authority shall submit notice to the Joint
29 Budget Oversight Committee no less than five calendar days before
30 the date of the transfer. At minimum, the notice shall indicate the
31 amount of the transferred funds and the purpose for which the funds
32 are transferred.²

33 c. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall
34 establish the size of the awards and eligibility of entities in subsection
35 b. of this section to meet the needs of the eligible food and beverage
36 establishments in responding to the public health crisis.

37 d. As used in this section “eligible food and beverage
38 establishments” means restaurants and dining establishments at which
39 ²【100】 50² or fewer workers are employed at a location in this State,
40 and bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries, or other establishments
41 servicing alcoholic beverages on its premises at which ²【100】 50² or
42 fewer workers are employed at a location in this State.¹

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44 2. This act shall take effect immediately.