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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$15 million in federal funds to the EDA to support arts and culture organizations in need.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/8/2021)

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	\$15,000,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Economic Planning and Development.....		\$15,000,000

Grants-in-Aid:

38 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Assistance to Arts
and Culture Organizations, EDA..... (\$15,000,000)

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

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21 The amount hereinabove appropriated for Coronavirus Relief Fund
22 – Assistance to Arts and Culture, EDA shall be allocated by the
23 New Jersey Economic Development Authority to arts and
24 cultural organizations in the State; provided that, not less than
25 \$7,500,000 shall be allocated to the New Jersey Council on the
26 Arts for the purposes of issuing grants to nonprofit arts and
27 cultural entities. The New Jersey Economic Development
28 Authority shall establish minimum grant eligibility criteria and
29 the size of the grant awards to meet the needs of the grantee
30 entities in responding to the public health crisis.

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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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34 STATEMENT

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36 This bill appropriates \$15 million in federal funds to the
37 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 arts and culture organizations in need of
4 support as a result of the public health crisis.