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P.L. 2020, CHAPTER 123, *approved November 18, 2020*
Senate, No. 2362 (*Second Reprint*)

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, ²**[2020]** 2021² and regulating the
4 disbursement thereof," approved ²**[June 30, 2019 (P.L.2019,**
5 **c.150)]** September 29, 2020 (P.L.2020, c.97)².

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
8 State of New Jersey:

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10 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under ²**[P.L.2019,**
11 **c.150,** ¹and notwithstanding any provision of section 2 of P.L.2020,
12 c.43 to the contrary,¹ **]** P.L.2020, c.97,² there is appropriated out of
13 the General Fund 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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16 The amounts hereinabove appropriated for the NJSHARES -
17 S.M.A.R.T. Program shall be awarded by the Commissioner of
18 Community Affairs to homeowners and tenants of residential
19 property throughout the State who suffered financial loss during the
20 pendency of the Governor's declaration of a Public Health
21 Emergency under the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005,
22 c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), and of a State of Emergency under
23 P.L.1942, c. 251 (C.App.A.9-33 et seq.), in relation to the
24 coronavirus disease 2019. ¹**[Of the amounts]** The \$5 million¹
25 appropriated herein ¹**[, \$5 million]**¹ shall be appropriated from the
26 ¹**[Affordable Housing Trust Fund for rent and mortgage assistance**

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.
²Senate amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations November 16, 2020.

1 and \$5 million shall be appropriated from the¹ Universal Service
2 Fund for utility payment assistance. The Commissioner of
3 Community Affairs shall design and establish program criteria and
4 guidelines consistent with this act which the Commissioner of
5 Community Affairs deems necessary and appropriate to award
6 grants to eligible homeowners and tenants in an expeditious manner
7 so to enable eligible homeowners and tenants to comply with their
8 ¹[rent, mortgage, and]¹ utilities obligations. The Commissioner of
9 Community Affairs may implement this program through the award
10 of contracts, or through the delegation of its authority to award
11 grants, to private nonprofit organizations, public agencies, or both.
12 To be eligible for a grant under this program, a homeowner or
13 tenant shall not be eligible for, or a recipient of funding from,
14 private insurance or from any other available funding opportunity
15 which may be considered a duplication of benefits.

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17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 Makes FY 2021 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of \$5
23 million to DCA for NJSHARES - S.M.A.R.T. Program.