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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Sponsored by:
Senator SHIRLEY K. TURNER
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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY 2020 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation of $10.5 million to DCA for State Rental Assistance Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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

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

1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2019, c.150, there is appropriated out of the General Fund the following sum for the purpose specified:

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

40 Community Development and Environmental Management

41 Community Development Management

GRANTS-IN-AID

02-8020 Housing Services	$10,500,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Community Development Management	$10,500,000

Funding Category:

02 State Rental Assistance Program ..…….. ($10,500,000)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill makes a FY 2020 supplemental Grants-in-Aid appropriation from the State General Fund of $10,500,000 to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP). Established by P.L.2004, c.140, SRAP is patterned after the federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for low-income individuals and households. The FY 2020 appropriations act provided $18,500,000 for SRAP.

The SRAP offers tenant-based rental assistance grants and project-based rental assistance. Tenant-based rental assistance grants are awarded through a lottery-type process open only to applicants on the department’s existing Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list. Project-based rental assistance allocates payments to new or rehabilitated housing units for 15 years, which are paid when qualified tenants occupy those units. Program regulations also reserve 35 percent of the rental assistance for persons currently on the SRAP waiting list.

The amount of this supplemental appropriation, $10,500,000, represents funding for 1,000 additional vouchers to be issued through SRAP in FY 2020.