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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 42, *approved April 1, 2021*  
Senate, No. 3523 (*First Reprint*)

1 **<sup>1</sup>[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  
4 microbusinesses in need<sup>1</sup>.

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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 <sup>1</sup>[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 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.....	\$25,000,000
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<i>Grants-in-Aid:</i>	
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18 federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
19 (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal funds made  
20 available to the State in response to the coronavirus disease 2019  
21 (COVID-19) pandemic.

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27 or fewer full-time equivalent employees. The New Jersey  
28 Economic Development Authority shall establish minimum grant  
29 eligibility criteria and the size of the grant awards to meet the  
30 needs of the grantee entities in responding to the public health  
31 crisis. ]<sup>1</sup>

**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:  
<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 22, 2021.

1 <sup>1</sup>1. a. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or made  
2 accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated to the  
3 State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established pursuant  
4 to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
5 (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal funds made  
6 available to the State in response to the coronavirus disease 2019  
7 (COVID-19) pandemic, \$25,000,000 from such federal funds shall be  
8 made available to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority  
9 for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of this section.

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

16 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this  
17 subsection to the contrary, the authority may transfer the uncommitted  
18 balance of any funds made available pursuant to this section to any  
19 program established pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before  
20 the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 5444 or Senate Bill No. 3524 of  
21 2021), P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as  
22 Assembly Bill No. 5445 or Senate Bill No. 3520 of 2021), P.L. ,  
23 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No.  
24 5446 or Senate Bill No. 3519 of 2021), or P.L. , c. (C. )  
25 (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill No. 5447 or Senate  
26 Bill No. 3521 of 2021). The authority shall submit notice to the Joint  
27 Budget Oversight Committee no less than five calendar days before  
28 the date of the transfer. At minimum, the notice shall indicate the  
29 amount of the transferred funds and the purpose for which the funds  
30 are transferred.

31 c. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall  
32 establish the size of the awards and eligibility of entities in subsection  
33 b. of this section to meet the needs of the microbusinesses in  
34 responding to the public health crisis.

35 d. As used in this section “eligible microbusiness” means an  
36 entity located in the State that produces goods or provides services and  
37 has five or fewer full-time equivalent employees.<sup>1</sup>

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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45 Makes \$25 million in federal funds available to EDA to support  
microbusinesses in need.

# SENATE, No. 3523

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 2021

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO**  
**District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)**  
**Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA**  
**District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Thompson, Singleton, Cunningham, Cruz-Perez, Diegnan,  
Greenstein, Oroho, O'Scanlon, Ruiz, Sarlo and Testa**

**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$25 million in federal funds to EDA to support microbusinesses in need.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/22/2021)**

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**S3523 ADDIEGO, LAGANA**

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2 economy affected by the public health crisis. The grants will be  
3 awarded by the EDA to microbusinesses that produce goods or  
4 provide services and have 10 or fewer full-time equivalent  
5 employees and who are in need of support as a result of the public  
6 health crisis.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 3523**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 22, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3523, with committee amendments.

As amended, the bill makes \$25 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants to microbusinesses that produce goods or provide services and have five or fewer full-time equivalent employees. The EDA may use up to five percent of these funds to support administrative expenses.

The bill also allows the EDA to transfer the uncommitted balance of these funds to certain other programs administered by the authority using federal COVID-19 response funding. However, the EDA would be required to submit notice of the transfer to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) restructure the bill such that it is not a supplemental appropriation, but rather makes funding available for the bill's designated purpose;

(2) reduce from 10 to five the maximum number of full-time employees who may be employed by an eligible microbusiness;

(3) allow the EDA to use up to five percent of the federal funds to support administrative expenses incurred in the implementation of the bill; and

(4) allow the EDA to transfer the uncommitted balance of federal funds to certain other programs administered by the authority using federal COVID-19 response funding, provided that the EDA submit notice to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.



# ASSEMBLY, No. 5443

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 8, 2021

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Assemblyman ROY FREIMAN**

**District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)**

**Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman McKnight, Assemblymen Stanley, Benson,  
Assemblywomen Vainieri Huttler, Reynolds-Jackson and Assemblyman  
Zwicker**

**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$25 million in federal funds to EDA to support microbusinesses in need.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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

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6 health crisis.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5443**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 8, 2021

The Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5443.

This bill, as amended, makes \$25 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants to microbusinesses that produce goods or provide services and have 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees and who are in need of support as a result of the public health crisis.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill so that it is not a supplemental appropriation, but rather makes funding available for the bill's designated purpose.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 5443

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5443 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill makes \$25 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants to microbusinesses that produce goods or provide services and have five or fewer full-time equivalent employees. The EDA may use up to five percent of these funds to support administrative expenses.

The bill also allows the EDA to transfer the uncommitted balance of these funds to certain other programs administered by the authority using federal COVID-19 response funding. However, the EDA would be required to submit notice of the transfer to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to:

(1) reduce from 10 to five the maximum number of full-time employees who may be employed by an eligible microbusiness;

(2) allow the EDA to use up to five percent of the federal funds to support administrative expenses incurred in the implementation of the bill; and

(3) allow the EDA to transfer the uncommitted balance of federal funds to certain other programs administered by the authority using federal COVID-19 response funding, provided that the EDA submit notice to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

# Governor Phil Murphy Signs Legislation Providing \$25 Million in Small Business Aid

04/1/2021

## Legislation is Part of a \$100 Million Relief Package for New Jersey Small Businesses

**MEDFORD** – Governor Phil Murphy today signed into law S-3523, which provides \$25 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for small businesses throughout New Jersey. The bill – sponsored by Senators Dawn Marie Addiego and Joe Lagana and Assemblymen Gordon Johnson, John Armato, and Roy Freiman – focuses on providing a lifeline to microbusinesses with five or fewer employees. The bill is part of a five-bill, \$100 million relief effort aimed at helping New Jersey’s economy recover from the year-long pandemic.

“Main Street businesses have always been the backbone of our economy and unfortunately have been the hardest hit during the pandemic,” **said Governor Murphy**. “This bill, along with others I’ll sign later this month, will help thousands of businesses keep their doors open as we climb out of the economic hardships wrought by COVID-19.”

“New Jersey never fully recovered from the Great Recession, and a lot of that was due to the limited relief residents, businesses and organizations received,” **said Senator Dawn Marie Addiego**. “Right now, we have an opportunity to learn from our mistakes and provide relief funding for those who have struggled over the past year, specifically microbusinesses. No more businesses should have to permanently close because of the pandemic, and this legislation will provide the assistance needed to prevent any more business closures.”

“In the last year, small businesses across the state have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with many being forced to permanently close their doors due to a lack of revenue,” **said Senator Joseph Lagana**. “Our employees and business owners have been hurt badly, especially in the smaller economies throughout the state. It is crucial to provide the support needed for our businesses to remain open and once again thrive in communities across New Jersey.”

“Microbusinesses are facing unprecedented challenges through no fault of their own because of this ongoing public health crisis,” **said Assemblymen Gordon Johnson, Roy Freiman, and John Armato**. “Offering our support in these difficult times will help ensure these valuable enterprises can continue to succeed for years to come.”

“Small businesses are the heart and soul of our communities. While these businesses have been hit the hardest by COVID-19, the resilience and ingenuity of business owners and their employees throughout the pandemic has been inspiring,” **said NJEDA Chief Executive Officer Tim Sullivan**. “I am proud to be here today with Governor Murphy celebrating this new bill that will provide additional resources for small businesses as they begin the hard work of recovering from the devastation of the pandemic.”

“Small businesses are not only the backbone of our economy, but are the center of our downtowns and local communities, so we are thrilled that Governor Murphy and the Legislature are taking this step to make sure significant funds are available to assist them through this crisis,” **said Burlington County Commissioner Deputy Director Dan O’Connell**. “Throughout the last year, we’ve seen how important it is for all levels of government to work together to provide the necessary help and support for our residents and businesses. That’s what is happening in Burlington County and across New Jersey.”

The relief aid will be administered by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, which so far has provided more than \$250 million in aid to 55,000 New Jersey businesses.

The bill signing was held at Fond Memories, a boutique in Medford specializing in jewelry, handbags, and baby gifts. Fond Memories was opened in 1987.