

Appropriation

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LAWS OF: 2021 **CHAPTER:** 46

NJSA: Appropriation (Makes \$15 million in federal funds available to EDA to support businesses and nonprofits in need.)

BILL NO: A5446 (Substituted for S3519 (1R))

SPONSOR(S) Zwicker, Andrew and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 3/8/2021

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Commerce & Economic Development
Appropriations

SENATE: --

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 3/25/2021

SENATE: 3/25/2021

DATE OF APPROVAL: 4/12/2021

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Second Reprint enacted) Yes

A5446

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes Commerce & Econ Dev
Appropriations

SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

S3519 (1R)

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SENATE: Yes

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VETO MESSAGE: No

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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 46, *approved April 12, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5446 (*Second Reprint*)

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
4 businesses and nonprofits 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, c.97,
10 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	\$15,000,000
	Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	
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Grants-in-Aid:

38 Coronavirus Relief Fund – Assistance to
Businesses and Nonprofits, EDA..... (\$15,000,000)

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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 Businesses and Nonprofits, EDA shall be
25 allocated by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority
26 to businesses and nonprofit organizations in this State to prevent
27 additional business and nonprofit organization closures, to
28 preserve and create jobs, and to spur economic recovery. The
29 New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall establish
30 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

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4 ¹1. a. Subject to the availability of federal funds provided or
5 made accessible to the State via federal block grant funds allocated
6 to the State from the federal “Coronavirus Relief Fund” established
7 pursuant to the federal “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
8 Security Act (CARES Act),” Pub.L.116-136, or any other federal
9 funds made available to the State in response to the coronavirus
10 disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, \$15,000,000 from such
11 federal funds shall be made available to the New Jersey Economic
12 Development Authority for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of
13 this section.

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

20 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this
21 subsection to the contrary, the authority may transfer the
22 uncommitted balance of any funds made available pursuant to this
23 section to any program established pursuant to
24 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly
25 Bill No. 5443 or Senate Bill No. 3523 of 2021),
26 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly
27 Bill No. 5445 or Senate Bill No. 3520 of 2021),
28 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly
29 Bill No. 5444 or Senate Bill No. 3524 of 2021), or
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as Assembly
31 Bill No. 5447 or Senate Bill No. 3521 of 2021). The authority shall
32 submit notice to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee no less than
33 five calendar days before the date of the transfer. At minimum, the
34 notice shall indicate the amount of the transferred funds and the
35 purpose for which the funds are transferred.²

36 c. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority shall
37 establish the size of the awards and eligibility of entities in
38 subsection b. of this section to meet the needs of businesses and
39 nonprofits in responding to the public health crisis.¹

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41 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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47 Makes \$15 million in federal funds available to EDA to support
businesses and nonprofits in need.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5446

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 8, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman ANDREW ZWICKER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblyman STERLEY S. STANLEY

District 18 (Middlesex)

Assemblywoman JOANN DOWNEY

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttel, Assemblyman Benson, Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson, Assemblymen Armato, Mazzeo, Johnson, Verrelli and Assemblywoman Dunn

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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A5446 ZWICKER, STANLEY

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2 economy affected by the public health crisis. The grants will be
3 awarded by the EDA to businesses and nonprofit organizations who
4 are in need of support as a result of the public health crisis.

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5446

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. 5446.

This bill, as amended, makes \$15 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants to businesses and nonprofits in need.

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. 5446

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5446 (1R), with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill makes \$15 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants to businesses and nonprofits in need. 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) 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

(2) 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.

SENATE, No. 3519

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator LINDA R. GREENSTEIN

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

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

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$15 million in federal funds to EDA to support businesses and nonprofits in need.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3519

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 22, 2021

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3519, with committee amendments.

As amended, the bill makes \$15 million in federal funds available to the Economic Development Authority (EDA) to award grants to businesses and nonprofits in need. 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) 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 Murphy Signs Legislation Providing \$15 Million in Aid to Small Businesses and Non-Profits

04/12/2021

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

PRINCETON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed into law A-A5446, which provides \$15 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for small businesses throughout New Jersey. The bill – sponsored by Senators Linda Greenstein and Joseph Lagana and Assembly Members Joann Downey, Andrew Zwicker, and Sterley Stanley – provides aid in the form of grants to small businesses and non-profits in need. The bill is part of a five-bill, \$100 million relief effort aimed at helping New Jersey’s small businesses recover from the year-long pandemic.

“New Jersey’s small businesses were particularly hard hit by the ravages of COVID-19,” **said Governor Murphy**. “This legislation, along with three additional bills I signed last week and one I will sign in the near future, will go a long way toward helping hundreds of state businesses keep their doors open as we recover from this year-long ordeal.”

“Since the beginning of the pandemic, supporting small businesses has been central to Governor Murphy’s response. These businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, and ensuring they not only recover but come back stronger and better prepared for future challenges is critical to achieving a sustainable, equitable recovery,” **said NJEDA Chief Executive Officer Tim Sullivan**. “The funding announced today, in addition to the other funds for specific industries announced over the past week, will provide much-needed support for businesses as they overcome the remaining pandemic-related challenges and set the stage for a stronger, fairer recovery.”

“Providing our support during this difficult time will not only allow these organizations to remain in operation, but will help preserve and create jobs while spurring the economic recovery we aim to achieve,” **said Assembly Members Downey, Zwicker and Stanley**. “Investing in our businesses and non-profits will have a direct, beneficial impact on families throughout our state for years to come.”

“Throughout the last year, COVID-19 has placed a serious strain on many of our local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Unfortunately, a number of beloved businesses in our communities were unable to weather this storm and sadly closed their doors for good,” **said Senator Greenstein**. “This \$15 million in federal funding will provide a big sigh of relief to so many business owners and nonprofits throughout our state, as well as their employees and individuals that rely on their services.”

“Providing financial support to businesses and nonprofits is fundamental to their survival during the pandemic,” **said Senator Lagana**. “Local businesses create vibrant downtowns and communities, while nonprofits can efficiently and effectively provide services for people in need. Together, they will play a central role in New Jersey’s economic recovery and the quality of life for our residents.”

The relief aid will be administered by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, which will announce when the application for the aid is open. To date, the NJEDA has distributed more than \$250 million in aid to some 55,000 businesses across the state.

The signing was held at Jammin’ Crepes, a business that began its journey at a farmers market in the local train station parking lot and in 2014 opened its first brick and mortar location in downtown Princeton.

This Week in NJ: April 16th, 2021

04/16/2021



Governor Murphy Unveils Sweeping Gun Safety Package

Governor Murphy unveiled a sweeping series of reforms aimed at reducing the epidemic of gun violence. The proposals, when paired with previous steps the Governor and members of the Legislature have taken to reduce gun violence, will further solidify New Jersey's standing as a national leader in gun safety.

"Half of New Jersey's gun homicides occur in only five cities, and the number of gun crimes in these cities has skyrocketed over the last year," **said Governor Murphy**. "We cannot sit back when we know there is more to do to address the danger of gun violence in our communities. By taking the steps we are announcing today, we will further commit to making every block and every street in our state safer."

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Governor Murphy Nominates Shawn LaTourette as New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner

Governor Murphy announced his nomination of Shawn LaTourette as the next Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

“The decisions made by the Department of Environmental

Protection are not just important for today, but will have far reaching impacts across generations,” **said Governor Murphy**. “The work we do now for cleaner air and water, to meaningfully combat climate change, to ensure that every community is treated with dignity and respect and that the principles of environmental justice serve us every day, will far outlive us all. Shawn’s passion for environmental protection, coupled with his extensive knowledge on climate, energy, and infrastructure, will help build an environmental legacy that exemplifies these principles. I am confident that with Shawn’s leadership, we will create a cleaner, more sustainable New Jersey that we are proud to leave for future generations.”

“To serve the people of New Jersey as Commissioner of Environmental Protection is an honor beyond any I could have imagined, and I am grateful to Governor Murphy for his outstanding environmental leadership, and his confidence in mine,” **said Acting Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette**. “New Jersey has no shortage of environmental challenges—from confronting the climate crisis to modernizing our water infrastructure—challenges that also present us with an incredible opportunity to grow our economy, lift our people, and further the promise of environmental justice. NJDEP is charting a new course for the future in our great state, with a stronger, more just environment at its center. I am eager to lead the Department in supporting Governor Murphy in his vision to make New Jersey a national model for its commitment to a more resilient, fairer, *greener* future for everyone.”

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Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Providing \$15 Million in Aid to Small Businesses and Non-Profits

Governor Murphy signed into law A-A5446, which provides \$15 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for small businesses throughout New Jersey. The bill – sponsored by Senators Linda Greenstein and Joseph Lagana and Assembly Members Joann Downey, Andrew Zwicker, and Sterley Stanley – provides aid in the form of grants to small businesses and non-profits in need.



“New Jersey’s small businesses were particularly hard hit by the ravages of COVID-19,” **said Governor Murphy.** “This legislation, along with three additional bills I signed last week and one I will sign in the near future, will go a long way toward helping hundreds of state businesses keep their doors open as we recover from this year-long ordeal.”

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Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Providing \$10 Million in Relief to Child Care Providers

Governor Phil Murphy signed into law A-5445, which provides \$10 million in federal COVID-19 relief aid for child care providers throughout New Jersey. The bill – sponsored by Senators M. Teresa Ruiz and Joseph Lagana and Assembly Members Lisa Swain, Gabriela Mosquera, and Adam



Taliaferro – will provide grants to child care providers in need. 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.

“Child care providers are absolutely critical to New Jersey’s workforce, and the COVID-19 pandemic has hit them especially hard,” said **Governor Murphy**. “This legislation will help to ensure that these providers can continue to weather the pandemic and remain open and able to meet the needs of so many New Jerseyans who rely on them.”

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Governor Murphy Announces Nominations for Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Board of Commissioners

Governor Murphy announced his intent to nominate Michelle Richardson, Dana Martinotti, and Robert Menendez, Jr. to the Board of Commissioners of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Governor also announced his intent to re-nominate Commissioner Kevin McCabe.



“It is my pleasure to nominate this group of experienced and capable professionals to the Board of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey,” said **Governor Murphy**. “I know that Michelle, Dana, and Rob will continue and build upon the great work that Kevin and the other Commissioners have done over the years.”

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