

Appropriation

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LAWS OF: 2021 **CHAPTER:** 116

NJSA: Appropriation (Appropriates \$10 million from General Fund to EDA to support Sustain and Serve NJ Program.)

BILL NO: A5709 (Substituted for S3794)

SPONSOR(S) Armato, John and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 5/12/2021

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Appropriations
SENATE: --

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: No

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 5/20/2021
SENATE: 6/3/2021

DATE OF APPROVAL: 6/22/2021

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Introduced bill enacted) Yes

A5709

INTRODUCED BILL (INCLUDES SPONSOR'S STATEMENT): Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes

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

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VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:

Yes

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

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No

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No

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 116, *approved June 22, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5709

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2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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82 DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
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GRANTS-IN-AID

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Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, Economic Planning and Development	\$10,000,000

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38 Sustain and Serve NJ Program,
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14 Development Authority to support the Sustain and Serve NJ
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17 NJ Program, EDA, for the purposes of any program established
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19 P.L.2020, c.46, or P.L.2021, c.47, as well as the Startup Business
20 and Nonprofit Assistance Program, established pursuant to
21 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill
22 No. 5708 of 2021 and Senate Bill No. 3795 of 2021); provided,
23 however, that the authority shall submit notice to the Joint
24 Budget Oversight Committee no less than five calendar days
25 before the date of the transfer. At a minimum, the notice shall
26 indicate the amount of and purpose for the transferred funds.

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28 The amount hereinabove appropriated for the Sustain and Serve NJ
29 Program, EDA, is conditioned upon the submission of a report
30 by the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic
31 Development Authority to the Governor and the Legislature,
32 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), detailing
33 the expenditure of program funds. At a minimum, the report

1 shall indicate the number of organizations that applied for
2 financial assistance; the number of organizations that received
3 financial assistance; the amount of financial assistance provided
4 to each recipient; and a brief description of each recipient.

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6 Of the amounts appropriated to the New Jersey Economic
7 Development Authority for Assistance to Food and Beverage
8 Establishments, Assistance to Businesses and Nonprofits,
9 Assistance to Child Care Providers, Assistance to
10 Microbusinesses, the Sustain and Serve NJ Program, and the
11 Startup Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program, the
12 authority may retain not more than \$1,000,000 to defray
13 administrative expenses.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill appropriates \$10 million from the General Fund to the
21 New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) to support the
22 Sustain and Serve NJ Program.

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24 NJ Program. Under the program, the EDA provides grants to
25 organizations to support the bulk purchase of meals from local
26 restaurants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Participating
27 organizations are then required to distribute the meals, free of
28 charge, to State residents. As such, the program is designed to
29 support local restaurants, while also providing free meals for the
30 public.

31 In February 2021, the EDA announced that \$14 million in grants
32 were expected to be awarded through the Sustain and Serve NJ
33 Program. According to the EDA, this funding is expected to result
34 in the purchase of approximately 1.5 million meals. By
35 appropriating an additional \$10 million for the program, roughly
36 one million more meals will be purchased from local restaurants
37 and distributed to needy populations.

38 Additionally, the bill allows the EDA to transfer uncommitted
39 funds to other programs administered by the authority to address the
40 impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also allows a portion
41 of these funds to be used for administrative expenses.

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Sustain and Serve NJ Program.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN ARMATO

District 2 (Atlantic)

Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING

District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblywoman YVONNE LOPEZ

District 19 (Middlesex)

Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO

District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Zwicker, Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttler, Assemblyman Tully, Assemblywoman Swain, Assemblyman Mukherji, Assemblywoman Jimenez, Assemblymen Auth, Mazzeo, Johnson, Freiman, McKeon, Assemblywomen DeFuccio, Downey, Senators Beach, Brown, Codey, Cruz-Perez, Cryan, Cunningham, Diegnan, Gill, Greenstein, Madden, Oroho, Pou, Rice, Ruiz, Sacco, Sarlo, Scutari, Singleton, B.Smith, Stack, Sweeney, Testa, Turner, Vitale and Weinberg

SYNOPSIS

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20 and Nonprofit Assistance Program, established pursuant to
21 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as Assembly Bill
22 No. 5708 of 2021 and Senate Bill No. 3795 of 2021); provided,
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23 charge, to State residents. As such, the program is designed to
24 support local restaurants, while also providing free meals for the
25 public.

26 In February 2021, the EDA announced that \$14 million in grants
27 were expected to be awarded through the Sustain and Serve NJ
28 Program. According to the EDA, this funding is expected to result
29 in the purchase of approximately 1.5 million meals. By
30 appropriating an additional \$10 million for the program, roughly
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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5709

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 18, 2021

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5709.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 3794

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INTRODUCED MAY 13, 2021

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Senator DAWN MARIE ADDIEGO
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Governor Murphy Signs Package of Legislation to Provide \$235 Million in Small Business Relief

06/22/2021

Brings Total to More than \$600 Million in Small Business Relief Since the Start of the Pandemic

TRENTON – As New Jersey continues to recover from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Phil Murphy today signed six bills – A5704, A5705, A5706, A5707, A5708, and A5709 – which provide additional aid to small businesses that continue to suffer from the economic effects of the pandemic. Together, the bill package provides \$235 million to small businesses throughout the state, allowing the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) to fulfill all eligible applications submitted during Phase IV of the EDA's Small Business Emergency Grant Program.

"Throughout the past year, we have focused our relief efforts on supporting New Jersey's small businesses so they can emerge from the pandemic stronger than before," **said Governor Murphy**. "This additional funding will help us add to the more than 60,000 small businesses that have received aid to date."

"As we head into the summer, it's encouraging to see more people out and about, but recovery from the severe economic impact of the pandemic won't happen overnight," said NJEDA CEO Tim Sullivan. "It's clear that businesses are still hurting, and we are grateful for the continued support of Governor Murphy and the legislature, as it will help us to bolster these businesses as they ride out what's hopefully the end of a very turbulent time."

In the Assembly the bills were sponsored by Assembly members Vince Mazzeo, Roy Freiman, Lisa Swain, Andrew Zwicker, John Armato, Chris Tully, Pedro Mejia, Angela McKnight, Adam Taliaferro, Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Linda Carter, Joann Downey, Yvonne Lopez, Stanley Sterley, and Eric Houghtaling. In the Senate, the bills were sponsored by Senators Dawn Marie Addiego, Vin Gopal, and Joseph Lagana

"Small businesses are the backbone of New Jersey's economy and assisting them as we reopen our state is paramount, **the Assembly sponsors said in a joint statement**. "We need to bolster our small business community in every way possible. Giving them the resources they need to survive and thrive is a win-win. As New Jersey returns to normalcy, we must ensure that everyone is well-positioned for our inevitable recovery."

"Our legislation will provide \$235 million in grants to help businesses and non-profits who were hit hard by the pandemic and are now deciding when and how to reopen, rehire and ramp up to full operation in the weeks and months ahead," **said Senator Dawn Addiego, the lead Senate sponsor on the bill package**. "The six-bill package sets aside \$30 million specifically for restaurants, and most important, it includes a \$25 million fund for the new restaurants, retailers and service providers that we need to fill the vacant storefronts in our downtown business districts left empty by businesses that closed."

"The restaurant, hospitality and tourism industries were crippled by the pandemic shutdown last spring and the continuing capacity restrictions that are just now being lifted sufficiently for them to be able to resume somewhat normal operations heading into the summer," **said Senator Vin Gopal**. "These new grants will be a big help."

"Small businesses are not only the backbone of our downtowns, but the biggest generators of job growth, and we are going to need that private sector job growth when all of the federal aid and incentives go away in September," **said Senator Joe Lagana**. "We need to do all we can to keep our existing small businesses afloat and help new businesses emerge."

The funding will be administered by the NJEDA, which has reopened its Phase IV grant pre-application for those businesses that missed the original deadline. To date, the EDA has distributed more than \$420 million in aid to some 63,000 businesses across the state. The breakdown of the \$235 million in proposed today's bill package is as follows:

Microbusinesses: \$120 million

Bars and Restaurants: \$20 million

Child Care Facilities: \$10 million

Other Small Businesses and non-profits: \$50 million

New Businesses and Start-Ups: \$25 million

Sustain and Serve: \$10 million

The bill signing was held at the iconic WindMill restaurant in Long Branch, owned by Rena Levine Levy and her brother Steven Levine.