

ASSEMBLY, No. 5796

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 30, 2023

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOE DANIELSEN

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

SYNOPSIS

Increases FY2024 appropriation from General Fund to DCF for the Center for Great Expectations by \$1.5 million from \$500,000 to \$2.0 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 A SUPPLEMENT to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year
2 ending June 30, 2024, P.L.2023, c.74.

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

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7 1. The following item in section 1 of P.L.2023, c.74, the annual
8 appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is
9 amended to read as follows:

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11 **16 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

12 *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*

13 *55 Social Services Programs*

14 *1630 Division of Family and Community Partnerships*

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16 **GRANTS-IN-AID**

17 03-1630 Family and Community Partnerships **[\$162,418,000]**\$163,918,000

18 Total Grants-in-Aid appropriation,

19 Social Services Programs **[\$162,418,000]**\$163,918,000

20 ***Grants-in-Aid:***

21 03 Center for Great Expectations **[\$500,000]**(\$2,000,000)

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23 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill increases the FY2024 appropriation from the General
29 Fund to the Department of Children and Families for the Center for
30 Great Expectations by \$1.5 million, from \$500,000 to \$2.0 million.
31 The Center for Great Expectations is located in Somerset and
32 provides safe housing and supportive services to over 1,000 women,
33 men, and children annually, from both within and outside Somerset.
34 Many of these individuals are homeless or economically
35 marginalized, pregnant or parenting, or living with mental health or
36 substance use disorders. Importantly, the organization administers
37 the State's only residential program for adolescents with mental
38 health disorders, who are pregnant or parenting.

39 The additional State funds will be used to support the Center's
40 adolescent residential program, the adult residential program for
41 pregnant and at-risk women, and the outpatient substance abuse and
42 mental health programs. All of these programs face a funding
43 shortfall in the current fiscal year, which will be completely
44 mitigated with the help of this additional State funding.

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.