

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 220, *approved January 12, 2026*  
Senate, No. 4932

1    **A SUPPLEMENT** to the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year  
2       ending June 30, 2026, P.L.2025, c.74.

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

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7       1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2025,  
8       c.74, the annual appropriations act for the fiscal year ending June  
9       30, 2026, there are appropriated from the General Fund the  
10      following amounts for the purposes specified:

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12                           **46 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
13                               *20 Physical and Mental Health*  
14                               *22 Health Planning and Evaluation*

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16                                           **GRANTS-IN-AID**  
17    07-4270 Health Care Systems Analysis ..... \$1,000,000  
18                   Total Grants-in-Aid appropriation,  
19                   Health Planning and Evaluation ..... **\$1,000,000**  
20    **Grants-in-Aid:**  
21       07   Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers  
22           Pledge to Connect Program.. .....(\$1,000,000)

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25                           **22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
26                               *50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security*  
27                               *55 Social Services Programs*

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29                                           **GRANTS-IN-AID**  
30    05-8050 Community Resources ..... \$500,000  
31                   Total Grants-In-Aid appropriation,  
32                   Social Services Programs ..... **\$500,000**  
33    **Grants-In-Aid:**  
34       05   Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers Housing First  
35           Program.....(\$500,000)

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37       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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42       This bill provides for two FY2026 supplemental appropriations  
43       from the General Fund to the Camden Coalition of Healthcare  
44       Providers: one for \$1 million to the Department of Health for the

1 Pledge to Connect Program and one for \$500,000 to the Department  
2 of Community Affairs for the Housing First Program. The Camden  
3 Coalition of Healthcare Providers is one of New Jersey's four  
4 Regional Health Hubs.

5 The Pledge to Connect Program connects patients with  
6 behavioral health needs in hospital emergency departments to  
7 timely, community-based outpatient care. Launched in FY2022, the  
8 program uses in-person and telephonic models to triage patients  
9 based on the severity of their needs and to connect them to  
10 appropriate services, with the goal of reducing future emergency  
11 room visits.

12 The Housing First Program provides permanent housing and  
13 wraparound services to individuals facing chronic homelessness.  
14 The program was introduced in 2015 in response to the high rates of  
15 homelessness and lack of low-barrier housing programs for  
16 individuals with complex health and social needs in the city of  
17 Camden.

18 The FY2026 Annual Appropriations Act marks the first fiscal  
19 year in recent years in which these specific programs did not  
20 receive State support.

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25 Makes supplemental appropriation of \$1.5 million from General  
26 Fund to DOH and DCA for Camden Coalition of Healthcare  
27 Providers.