

CHAPTER 404

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

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

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

10 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
40 Community Development and Environmental Management
49 Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation
DIRECT STATE SERVICES

05-3350 Food and Nutrition Services \$5,000,000
Total Direct State Services Appropriation, ... \$5,000,000
Agricultural Resources, Planning, and Regulation

Direct State Services:

Special Purpose:

05 Food Security Research and Innovation (\$5,000,000)

The amount hereinabove appropriated for Food Security Research and Innovation shall be used by the Office of the Food Security Advocate to design and implement research projects, pilot programs, public-private partnerships, and grant programs within the State. Research projects and programs shall be designed by the Office of the Food Security Advocate based on identified needs derived from strategic planning and previous research and evaluation that has been conducted by the Office of the Food Security Advocate. Research projects shall be determined by the Executive Director of the Office of the Food Security Advocate in accordance with the Office of the Food Security Advocate's strategic plan. Expenditures for public-private partnerships and grant programs, in amounts determined by the Executive Director, shall be subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

22 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
50 Economic Planning, Development, and Security
55 Social Services Programs
GRANTS-IN-AID

05-8050 Community Resources \$750,000
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, ... \$750,000
Social Services Programs

Grants-in-Aid:

05 Bridges NJ..... (\$250,000)
05 Family Food Relief of New Jersey (\$500,000)
(Tomchei Shabbos D'Lakewood)

70 Government Direction, Management, and Control
75 State Subsidies and Financial Aid
STATE AID

04-8030 Local Government Services \$44,000,000
Total State Aid Appropriation, ... \$44,000,000
State Subsidies and Financial Aid

State Aid:

04 Bergen County Improvement Authority (\$12,000,000)
04 County of Burlington – Homelessness Stabilization (\$2,000,000)
04 County of Camden – Southern New Jersey Regional..... (\$13,000,000)
Rehabilitation and Reentry Center (P.L.2023, c.346)

- 04 County of Gloucester – Emergency Management (\$1,700,000)
Communications Center Enhancements and
Vehicle Acquisition
- 04 County of Mercer – Mercer County Connection (\$2,000,000)
Building Renovation
- 04 County of Middlesex – Network Operations Center (\$4,000,000)
- 04 County of Salem – EMS Vehicles (\$300,000)
- 04 County of Union – Capital Improvements (\$9,000,000)

The amount hereinabove appropriated for the Bergen County Improvement Authority shall be used to implement facility improvements to modernize the Bergen New Bridge Medical Center to improve patient care and outcomes.

34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
31 Direct Educational Services and Assistance
STATE AID

- 03-5120 Miscellaneous Grants-in-Aid \$10,000,000
- Total State Aid Appropriation, ... \$10,000,000
- Direct Educational Services and Assistance

- State Aid:**
- 03 Hudson County Schools of Technology – (\$10,000,000)
Capital Improvements

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
32 Operation and Support of Educational Institutions
7601 Community Programs
GRANTS-IN-AID

- 03-7601 Adult Activities \$1,000,000
- Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, ... \$1,000,000
- Community Programs

- Grants-in-Aid:**
- 03 Larc Norcross School Special Needs (\$1,000,000)
Adult Program Transportation

74 DEPARTMENT OF STATE
30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development
36 Higher Educational Services
2455 Kean University
GRANTS-IN-AID

- 82-2455 Institutional Support \$5,000,000
- Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, ... \$5,000,000
- Higher Educational Services

- Grants-in-Aid:**
- 82 Capital Improvements (\$5,000,000)

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

- 38-2043 Economic Development \$51,000,000
- Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, ... \$51,000,000
- Economic Planning and Development

- Grants-in-Aid:**
- 38 New Jersey’s AI Supercomputer Initiative – (\$25,000,000)
Support and Advancement
 - 38 Events Attraction and Marketing, ... (\$26,000,000)
EDA

The amount hereinabove appropriated for New Jersey’s AI Supercomputer Initiative – Support and Advancement shall be used by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority to provide a grant to an institution of higher education to fund the supplementary infrastructure costs of the institution of higher education hosting a new state-of-the-art supercomputer, including system management, rental payments, salary costs of engineers, researchers, and support staff, security, user access, and research support, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

Notwithstanding any law or regulation to the contrary, of the amount hereinabove appropriated for Events Attraction and Marketing, EDA, an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, shall be allocated to the New York/New Jersey FIFA World Cup Host Committee for the implementation of a series of events that promote Statewide tourism and drive economic development by attracting visitors, stimulating local business activity, and generating revenue that leads to job creation and community investment.

70 Government Direction, Management, and Control
76 Management and Administration
GRANTS-IN-AID

99-2000 Administration and Support Services	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation, ...	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
Management and Administration	
Grants-in-Aid:	
99 Old Barracks Museum	(\$1,500,000)

2. The following language provisions in section 1 of P.L.2025, c.74, the annual appropriations act for State fiscal year 2026, are amended to read as follows:

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Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, 2.5% of the funds hereinabove appropriated for the Working Class Families State Supplement (P.L.2022, c.104, as amended by P.L.2023, c.336) (PTRF) shall be utilized by the Office of the Food Security Advocate for informational and outreach activities to increase awareness of the program. The activities shall include conducting outreach efforts throughout the State and creating promotional materials and other outreach initiatives, to be determined by the Executive Director of the Office of the Food Security Advocate, based on previous school meals research and outreach activities that have been conducted by the Office of the Food Security Advocate in partnership with stakeholders in the State.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to the contrary, the amount hereinabove appropriated for Consolidation Implementation shall be allocated to provide reimbursement to local government units that consolidate pursuant to any law, including, but not limited to, P.L.2007, c.63 (C.40A:65-1 et seq.) and P.L.2009, c.118 (C.54:1-86 et seq.), or to a municipality that is wholly annexed by another municipality pursuant to N.J.S.40A:7-1 et seq., for non-recurring costs that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, or in the case of a school district consolidation the Commissioner of Education, determines to be necessary to implement such consolidation or annexation, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting; provided, however, that in addition

to the amounts hereinabove appropriated, there are appropriated such additional amounts as are determined to be necessary for reimbursement of non-recurring costs associated with local government unit consolidations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting; provided further that there are appropriated such additional amounts, not to exceed \$30,000,000, as the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community Affairs and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, shall determine to be necessary to design, implement, or maintain one or more voluntary county-based demonstration projects or programs to achieve efficiencies and future cost savings in the provision of services at the local level, including for the operation by a county of a youth detention center with 100 or more residents, as reported on the October 15, 2024 State Facilities Enrollment Count, at which greater than 40 percent of such residents are residents of a county other than the county responsible for the maintenance of the youth detention center.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 20, 2026.