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SUMMARY

- Appropriates for FY 2021 a total of \$299.9 million for grants to businesses and child care providers impacted by COVID-19, and for local fairs and Ohio Veterans Homes.
- Appropriates for FY 2022 amounts remaining in the Coronavirus Relief Fund at the end of FY 2021.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

FY 2021 appropriations

The bill appropriates money for FY 2021 from various funds, as follows:

FY 2021 Appropriations		
Agency	Amount	Purposes
Development Services Agency ¹	\$180 million	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. \$20 million (GRF) for grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to indoor entertainment venues impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Awards must be based on factors such as demonstrated loss of revenue due to cancelled events or performances.2. \$10 million (GRF) for \$10,000 relief grants to new businesses opened after January 1, 2020.3. \$150 million (Fund 5CV1) for a small business grant relief program established by Controlling Board action in October 2020, to provide \$10,000 grants to

¹ Section 209.10.

FY 2021 Appropriations		
Agency	Amount	Purposes
		applicants who applied before December 12, 2020, but whose requests were not funded.
Department of Job and Family Services ²	\$112.2 million (Federal Fund Group Fund 3H70)	Payments to child care providers to reimburse expenses incurred related to the coronavirus pandemic and to encourage retention in the state child care workforce.
Department of Agriculture ³	\$4.7 million (GRF)	Local Fairs line item.
Department of Veterans Services ⁴	\$3.0 million (Fund 5CV1)	COVID Safety – Ohio Veterans Homes line item.

FY 2022 appropriation from Coronavirus Relief Fund

Finally, the bill reappropriates for FY 2022 leftover amounts in the Coronavirus Relief Fund at the end of FY 2021.⁵ This fund contains Ohio's share of federal CARES Act⁶ moneys and must be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-02-21

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² Section 215.10.

³ Section 205.10.

⁴ Section 221.10.

⁵ Section 503.10.

⁶ Federal "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act," [P.L. 116-136](#).