



1                   (i) offer courses and workshops to upskill affected Vermonters in  
2                   their current industry or reskill Vermonters who desire a change in their career  
3                   path for more economic stability, which may include training for Vermonters  
4                   to transition to the child care sector and business technical assistance for small  
5                   businesses; and

6                   (ii) provide for necessary school supplies, wrap-around services,  
7                   marketing of the program, and support staff.

8                   Sec. B.1102. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 137, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

9                   Sec. 6 COVID-19; ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND

10                   INDIVIDUALS

11                   (a) Appropriations; grants. The following amounts are appropriated from  
12                   the Coronavirus Relief Fund to the named recipients to provide grants to  
13                   businesses that have suffered economic harm due to the COVID-19 public  
14                   health emergency and economic crisis.

15                   (1) ~~\$82,000,000.00 for additional emergency economic recovery grants~~  
16                   ~~pursuant to 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 115 (S.350), Secs. 2-3~~

17                   \$175,000,000.00 for grants to businesses that meet the eligibility criteria in  
18                   subsection (c) of this section as follows:

19                   (A) ~~\$56,000,000.00~~ \$149,000,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce  
20                   and Community Development.

21                   (B) \$26,000,000.00 to the Department of Taxes.

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(5) \$5,000,000.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to grant to the Vermont Arts Council for grants to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations. ~~For purposes of calculating reduction in revenue under this subdivision, “revenue” does not include tax deductible charitable contributions.~~

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(c) Eligibility; grant amount; terms; guidelines.

(1) To be eligible for a grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section, a business must meet the following eligibility criteria and comply with the guidelines adopted pursuant to 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 115 (S.350) unless otherwise provided in this section, except that a business must demonstrate that it suffered a 50 percent or greater reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and economic crisis in a monthly or quarterly period from March 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020 as compared to the same period in 2019 subdivision (4) of this subsection:

(A) The business is a private, for-profit or nonprofit organization that is domiciled or has its primary place of business in Vermont.

(B) The business is either open at the time of application or is closed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency but has a good-faith plan for reopening.

1           (C) The business demonstrates financial need based on economic  
2 loss, demonstrates a particularized need to make improvements to its physical  
3 spaces to protect public health and safety, or both, due to the COVID-19 public  
4 health emergency from March 1, 2020 to December 1, 2020.

5           (2)(A) The Agency shall establish standards for determining the amount  
6 of grant awards, provided that a business may not receive more than  
7 \$300,000.00 in grant awards pursuant to 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 115 and  
8 this act.

9           (B) Notwithstanding subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection, upon the  
10 Agency’s request and demonstration of need, the Joint Fiscal Committee may  
11 approve additional grant funding to a business in excess of the maximum grant  
12 amount.

13           (3) The Agency shall consider whether and by how much grant awards  
14 should be adjusted based on whether an applicant has received financial  
15 assistance from other sources.

16           (4) The Agency may coordinate with local, regional, and State economic  
17 development partners to administer grants pursuant to this section.

18           (5) The Agency shall:

19           (A) adopt a process, procedures, and guidelines for the  
20 implementation of this section:



1 (g) Emergency economic recovery grant funds; transfer. If any funds  
2 appropriated to Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the  
3 Department of Taxes in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 115 (S.350) remain both  
4 unencumbered and unspent as of August 1, 2020, the Agency and Department  
5 shall combine and administer those funds with the amounts made available to  
6 them in this section, subject to the standards and criteria established in this  
7 section.

8 \* \* \* ACCD Consumer Stimulus \* \* \*

9 **Sec. B.1103. BUY LOCAL CONSUMER STIMULUS**

10 The amount of \$XX,000,000 is appropriated from the Coronavirus Relief  
11 Fund to the Department of Tourism and Marketing for a statewide consumer  
12 stimulus program with direct incentives to maximize the consumer spending  
13 power of Vermonters *[who are currently receiving unemployment benefits or*  
14 *hazard pay]*, to support restaurants, retail stores, lodging establishments,  
15 tourism and cultural attractions, and other businesses suffering economic harm  
16 due to continued capacity and travel restrictions imposed in response to  
17 COVID-19.