

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**SENATE, No. 3124**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: DECEMBER 22, 2022

**SUMMARY**

**Synopsis:** Changes definition of eligible contract for DOT grant program to compensate certain contractors and subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages.

**Type of Impact:** No Impact on State Expenditures.

**Agencies Affected:** Department of Transportation.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual Impact</u></b>
<b>State Expenditures</b>	No Impact

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) notes that the State made \$10 million available to the Department of Transportation from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to support the grant program for Small Business Enterprise contractors and subcontractors. As of December 2022, the full \$10 million has been either expended or committed.

**BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill amends the definition of “eligible contract” under the current law that requires the department to create a grant program to compensate Small Business Enterprise contractors and subcontractors for increases in the acquisition cost of certain materials needed to meet their obligations under certain contracts awarded by the department.

Current law provides that eligible contracts under the grant program are construction contracts awarded by the department based upon bids submitted prior to April 1, 2020. This bill amends the definition of eligible contract awarded by the department by changing the bid submission date to December 1, 2021. Additionally this bill extends the period of time in which eligible contractors and subcontractors may apply for the grant program by providing that the initial application period is to remain open for 90 days after the enactment of the bill.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).