



*Small businesses form the backbone of our local economy and non-profit organizations provide a vital safety net of social services for our residents. Both have been heavily impacted by the Coronavirus and both need our help to be able to economically survive. Through our partnership with the NJRA, we are making grants available to help small businesses and non-profits pay for their rent. This will help small businesses and non-profits keep their doors open and benefits landlords who will receive rental payments so they can pay for property taxes and other expenses.*

- Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.



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THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
AND THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
ANNOUNCE THE

# Essex County Small Business Lease Emergency Assistance Grant Program

## AMOUNT:

**UP TO \$30,000 GRANT**

## Processing Agency:

- NJ Redevelopment Authority will administer the program by accepting and reviewing the applications.



## Eligible Applicants:

- Essex County based Small Businesses and Non-Profit Agencies.
- Tenants leasing commercial space in mixed-used buildings or commercial buildings.
- Store front businesses that lease their space.
- Leased premises must be no more than 7500 sq.ft.
- Applicants do not have to be delinquent on their lease payments.
- Not eligible to apply are businesses that are engaged in gambling or "adult" activities, auction sales, Christmas tree sales, tattoo parlors, smoke shops and liquor stores.

A link to the Application will be published at the Essex County Office of Small Business Development website at [www.ecsmallbiz.org](http://www.ecsmallbiz.org) on Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The Application will be open on November 16, 2020.**

**Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.**

## Eligible Applicants will need to provide:

- A current copy of their lease.
- Certification from the tenant confirming a closing date due to the pandemic.
- A copy of a current NJ tax clearance certificate.
- Answers to debarment questions included in the application.
- Verification from the landlord that the business is in good standing with monthly lease obligations prior to March 1, 2020.

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