

ESSEX COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS LEASE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

Amount: Up to \$30,000 Grant

Processing Agency:

- NJ Redevelopment Authority will administer the program and review applications.

Eligible Applicants:

- Essex County Based Small Businesses or 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 7,500 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.

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.

**To apply, visit the
Essex County Office of
Small Business Development at
www.ecsmallbiz.org**

**Grants will be awarded on a first
come, first served basis.**

**Application Opens on
November 16, 2020**