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Gov. Murphy announced a new program to help NJ small businesses "crushed" by the coronavirus outbreak.

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NEW JERSEY – Gov. Phil Murphy announced that 64 communities will benefit from a new program that will help small businesses pay their rent. He made the announcement as he revealed 344 additional coronavirus cases and 23 more confirmed deaths amid the outbreak.

Murphy announced that 64 communities under the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority will get $6 million from the new Small Business Lease Emergency Assistance Program (see the towns below).

The money will be funded by federal CARES act funding, providing up to $10,000 to small businesses and redevelopment authorities to help them pay their rent.

"We will not let COVID-19 take us down," Murphy said while speaking at Long Branch City Hall. "We're fighting every day to protect public health but we're fighting just as hard to protect our economic health."

Here are the towns that would benefit:

Asbury Park, Atlantic City, Bayonne, Belleville, Bergenfield, Bloomfield, Brick, Bridgeton, Burlington City, Camden, Carteret, Clifton, East Orange, Elizabeth, Garfield, Glassboro, Gloucester City, Gloucester Twp., Hackensack, Harrison (South Jersey), Hillside, Hoboken, Irvington, Jersey City, Keansburg, Kearny, Lakewood, Lawnside, Lindenwold, Lodi, Long Branch, Millville, Monroe Twp. (Gloucester), Montclair, Mount Holly, Neptune City, Neptune Twp., Newark, New Brunswick, North Bergen, Nutley, Old Bridge, Orange, Passaic, Paterson, Pemberton Twp., Pennsauken, Penns Grove, Perth Amboy, Phillipsburg, Plainfield, Pleasantville, Rahway, Roselle, Salem, Sussex, Trenton, Union City, Vineland, Weehawken, West New York, Willingboro, Winslow Twp., Woodbridge, Woodbury

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