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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$756,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$756,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their March 2018 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [nine organizations](#) working in the areas of immigration, affordable housing, education, and anti-poverty.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is pleased to support these non-profit organizations working to increase affordable housing, promote early childhood education, and address structural racism and poverty. Particularly timely are the grants to advocate for an immigrant-friendly Garden State. Approximately 40% of the people living in New Jersey are immigrants or the children of immigrants. Among them are 22,000 DACA recipients, part of an estimated 500,000 residents who are undocumented. New Jersey’s undocumented immigrants do not live in isolation; rather, many immigrant families are mixed status, with more than 600,000 U.S. citizens in New Jersey living with at least one family member who is undocumented. New Jersey has the opportunity to lead the nation in adopting pro-immigrant policies that build on the state’s strength in diversity.”

Grants awarded in March 2018 include:

Immigration

- A \$121,000 program grant to [American Friends Service Committee](#) to reduce the detention of immigrants by advancing anti-detainer policies and universal representation and to secure the human rights of detained immigrants by furthering independent medical oversight policies.
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [Faith in New Jersey](#) to advocate, through its faith-based organizing network, for state policies that promote the human rights of immigrants and racial justice.
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [Make the Road New Jersey](#) and a \$50,000 general operating grant to [Wind of the Spirit](#) to defend against federal policies that threaten immigrants and communities and to develop proactive state policies that protect New Jersey’s undocumented youth and their families.



- A \$100,000 general operating challenge grant to [New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice](#) to build a strong statewide coalition to advance immigrant-friendly state policies with an emphasis on advancing campaigns for Fair and Welcoming State and Driver's License for All.

Affordable Housing

- A \$140,000 general operating grant to [Fair Share Housing Center](#) to expand access to affordable housing in geographic areas of opportunity and to combat residential segregation.
- A \$125,000 general operating grant to the [Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey](#) to expand access to affordable housing through its Build a Thriving New Jersey campaign, and to advance complementary policies that combat homelessness, ensure tenants' rights, and promote equitable urban development.

Education

- A \$45,000 general operating grant to [Advocates for Children of New Jersey](#) to protect federal programs for children and to advance state and federal policies that benefit low-income children and their families such as breakfast after the bell, support for early childhood care and education, and reductions in chronic absenteeism.

Anti-poverty

- A \$75,000 general operating challenge grant to [Anti-Poverty Network](#) to support advocacy and public policy that prevent, reduce, and eventually eliminate poverty among New Jersey residents while promoting policy solutions that combat structural racism.

[The Fund for New Jersey](#) works to improve the quality of public policy decision-making on the most significant issues affecting the people of New Jersey and our region. For more than 40 years, The Fund has supported organizations and initiatives that advance systemic and sustainable solutions to public problems through the work of policy, advocacy, analysis, and organizing.

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