

The Fund for New Jersey News

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Grantee News

Policy Victories:

• On November 10, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 274, which establishes an interim greenhouse gas reduction target of 50% below 2006 levels by 2030, strengthening New Jersey's path to achieve an 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Governor Murphy also announced a \$13.7 million investment in electric buses and trucks to reduce emissions and improve air quality in overburdened communities. Additionally, the Governor announced a \$20 million expansion of the New Jersey Zero-Emission Incentive Program (NJZIP) into the Jersey Shore area. Together, these initiatives will reduce vehicle emissions from the transportation sector, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey and a significant contributor to global warming and climate change. Fund grantees Environment NJ, Clean Water Action, GreenFaith, Work Environment Council and the New Jersey League of Conservation Voters, among others, have strongly advocated for these initiatives. Read more here.

Policy Reports:

- New Jersey Policy Perspective released the report New Jersey's Uninsured: Getting the Garden State Covered. This report looks at data from 2020 to examine trends in who remains uninsured and who would benefit or be harmed by changes in public health insurance policies. The findings show that health coverage rates differ across racial, age, income, education, and geographic lines. Read more here.
- The Education Law Center released the report English Learners in New Jersey, Exposing Inequities and Expanding Opportunities in the Wake of the Pandemic. The report looks at how the Covid-19 pandemic and the resulting virtual learning have emphasized educational inequities for English learners. The report looks at how certain school districts fell short of meeting their obligations under New Jersey's Bilingual Education Code before and during the pandemic. The report aims to identify English Learners' specific needs and rights within NJ's education system, understand whether schools are meeting these needs and respecting these rights, and, where they are not, make appropriate policy recommendations. Read more here.
- Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center released the report, Renewables on the Rise 2021. The report looks at how clean energy is sweeping across the United States and the tremendous growth over the last decade. The report offers recommendations for policies that will provide clean, renewable energy sources, eliminating society's dependence on fossil fuels that contribute to global warming. Read more here.



• Regional Plan Association and members of the Healthy Regions Planning Exchange released the report *Pathways to Health Equity*. The report examines structural challenges in 10 regions that range from some of the nation's largest metropolitan areas (Chicago, Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area, and New York) to the mid-sized regions (Buffalo, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, the Twin Cities, and Portland) to the rural region of Thunder Valley Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The report draws on two years of dialogue within the Planning Exchange, distills relevant research, uses case studies to show how other regions have addressed similar challenges such as fair and affordable housing or transportation equity, while others tackle intersectional problems facing their neighborhood, city, county, or region. Read more here.

Job Announcements

- <u>Deputy Director/Chief Operations Officer</u>, <u>Finance Director</u>, <u>People</u>, <u>Benefits</u>, and <u>Culture</u>
 Manager, ACLU-NJ
- Various Positions, NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice
- Staff Attorney, Fair Share Housing Center
- Director of Development, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- Various Positions, American Friends Service Committee
- Various Positions, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation
- Various Positions, NJ Citizen Action
- Environmental Justice Program Manager, NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
- <u>Data Base Manager</u>, <u>Membership & Communications Associate</u>, Pinelands Preservation Alliance
- <u>Communications Manager</u>, <u>Policy Manager</u>, NJ Future

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