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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$855,652 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$855,652 in grants to non-profit organizations at their March 2019 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [12 organizations](#) working in the areas of immigration, affordable housing, education, and worker rights.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is pleased to invest in these non-profit organizations working to increase affordable housing, promote early childhood education, and combat structural racism in New Jersey’s public education system.”

“Particularly urgent are the grants to advocate for an immigrant-friendly Garden State. More than two million immigrants live in New Jersey, or 22% of the population. Among them are 22,000 DACA recipients, part of an estimated 475,000 residents who are undocumented, as well as 14,000 Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients who are at risk of losing their documented status. Immigrant-led households in New Jersey earned \$74 billion and paid \$13 billion in federal taxes and \$6.5 billion in state and local taxes, translating to \$54.6 billion in spending power (2014). New Jersey has the opportunity to lead the nation in adopting pro-immigrant policies that foster a strong, inclusive economy and build on the state’s strength in diversity,” Jamieson said.

Grants awarded in March 2019 include:

Immigration

- 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.
- A \$121,000 program grant to [American Friends Service Committee](#) to reduce detention of immigrants, to advocate for universal representation, and to secure comprehensive pro-immigrant policies.
- A \$80,000 general operating challenge grant to [Make the Road New Jersey](#) for its collaboration with Wind of the Spirit to build immigrant power through grassroots organizing and policy innovation to create a more welcoming Garden State.

- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [Wind of the Spirit](#) for its collaboration with Make the Road New Jersey to build immigrant power through grassroots organizing and policy innovation to create a more welcoming Garden State.
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [Faith in New Jersey](#) to inform decision makers and the public and to advocate for policies that promote the human rights of immigrants and advance racial justice in New Jersey.
- A \$50,000 grant to the newly formed Funders Collaborative for Immigrant Families in the Garden State to address the serious and growing needs of immigrant communities in New Jersey.

Affordable Housing

- A \$125,000 general operating grant to the [Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey](#) to expand access to homes that are affordable through its Build a Thriving New Jersey campaign, and to advance complementary policies that combat homelessness, prevent foreclosure, foster healthy homes, and promote equitable urban development.
- A \$100,000 general operating grant to [Fair Share Housing Center](#) to expand affordable housing creation in geographic areas of opportunity near jobs, transit, and high-quality schools.

Education

- A \$60,000 general operating grant to [Advocates for Children of New Jersey](#) to advance state and federal policies that support low-income children and families and improve educational outcomes for children in at-risk communities.
- A \$50,000 program grant to [Salvation and Social Justice](#) for its collaboration with Latino Action Network Foundation to engage communities and to foster support for diversifying New Jersey's segregated schools.
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Worker Rights

- A \$19,652 program grant to [Rutgers University Center for Women and Work](#) to research unpredictable scheduling practices and to inform public policies to improve working conditions for low-wage workers.

[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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