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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$1,335,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$1,335,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their June 2019 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [15 organizations](#) in the areas of climate change and clean energy, environmental protection, criminal justice reform and social justice, and transportation.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is proud to invest in these policy organizations working to offer solutions that address the climate crisis, protect the state’s natural resources, expand voting rights, and promote racial and economic justice in New Jersey.”

“New Jersey is poised to be a leader in state policy to provide protections and improve the livelihood of transgender residents in the state. In the face of national hostility against transgender and gender non-conforming people, the newly formed New Jersey Transgender Task Force, the first of its kind in the nation, has an opportunity to make an impact on disproportionate discrimination and harassment transgender residents face in housing, employment, police interaction, and public accommodations. This policy initiative will advance the state as a leader in civil rights protections for transgender and gender non-conforming New Jerseyans,” Jamieson said.

Grants awarded in June 2019 include:

Criminal Justice Reform, Civil Rights & Social Justice

- A \$25,000 program grant to [Garden State Equality](#) to advance policies that increase opportunities and improve conditions for transgender residents of New Jersey.
- A \$95,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund](#) to advance public policy solutions that promote economic and social justice, end predatory student loans, and foster health care access and affordable coverage in NJ.
- An \$85,000 general operating grant to the [American Civil Liberties Union – New Jersey](#) to advance its racial justice work in New Jersey over the coming year, with particular focus on advocating for equitable marijuana reform, prosecutorial reform, police reform, expanded voting rights, and protecting immigrants’ rights.

- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice](#) to advance racial and economic justice in New Jersey's urban communities, with particular focus on juvenile justice reform, voting rights, and police reform.

Environmental Protection

- A \$195,000 three-year program grant to [New Jersey Conservation Foundation](#) to advance policies that support the rapid transition to renewable energy in New Jersey.
- An \$180,000 three-year general operating grant to the [Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions](#) to advance state and local policy to improve water quality, protect water supply, and reduce plastics pollution.
- A \$165,000 three-year general operating grant to [New Jersey Highlands Coalition](#) to protect and defend the Highlands Act and the Regional Master Plan and to educate the public and decision-makers about the importance of protecting natural resources of the Highlands.
- A \$150,000 three-year general operating grant to [Pinelands Preservation Alliance](#) to advance and enforce policies to protect the natural resources of the Pinelands region.
- A \$40,000 general operating grant to [NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) to advance its Clean Water Campaign to protect, preserve, and restore the Hudson-Raritan Harbor Estuary.
- A \$40,000 program grant to the [Delaware Riverkeeper Network](#) to educate the public about the potential benefit to New Jersey residents of a Green Amendment to the New Jersey Constitution.

Climate Change & Clean Energy

- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#) to further climate and clean energy policy and its Right to Know campaigns.
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) to advance equitable renewable energy and transportation policy over the coming year.
- A \$25,000 program grant to [GreenFaith](#) to provide campaign leadership to Jersey Renews' clean energy policy and to engage the faith sector, with a focus on the African-American faith community.
- An \$85,000 general operating grant to [Eastern Environmental Law Center](#) to represent environmental and community organizations to address environmental sustainability and climate resiliency issues in New Jersey.

Transportation

- A \$25,000 program grant to [Regional Plan Association](#) to advocate for policies in New Jersey and nationally to implement the two-phase Gateway transit rail program.

[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 nearly 50 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.