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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$490,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$490,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their September 2020 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [six organizations](#) in the areas of lead poisoning prevention, public education, and criminal justice reform.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “We are committed to a holistic approach to end childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey, which harms educational attainment and threatens the health of thousands of New Jersey children. By working together across the public and private sectors to launch a new Lead Free New Jersey campaign, New Jersey can substantially reduce the number of New Jersey children – currently more than 4,400 – diagnosed each year with elevated lead levels in their blood.”

Jamieson further noted, “The Fund for New Jersey is also proud to support these non-profit organizations advancing policy and community organizing to strengthen New Jersey’s public education system by advocating for educational equity.”

Grants awarded in September 2020 include:

Lead Poisoning Prevention

- A \$75,000 operating grant to [Green & Healthy Homes Initiative](#) to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by providing expertise and project support to the Lead Free New Jersey campaign and to continue to advance the 10 strategic recommendations of the [2018 New Jersey Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan](#).
- A \$70,000 operating grant to [New Jersey Future](#) to reduce lead contamination of New Jersey drinking water by advancing the recommendations of the Jersey Water Works report, [Lead in Drinking Water: A Permanent Solution for New Jersey](#), and providing leadership to the Lead Free New Jersey Campaign.

- A \$80,000 operating grant to support community mobilization and engagement funding through the Lead Free New Jersey campaign.

Public Education

- A \$100,000 operating grant to [Education Law Center](#) to ensure equal access to a high-quality public education by advocating for digital learning tools, adequate funding, school construction needs, and curriculum standards and assessment policies to improve equitable educational outcomes in this time of the COVID-19 global health crisis.
- A \$57,500 operating grant to [Salvation and Social Justice](#) for its collaboration with Latino Action Network Foundation to build a digital media youth organizing strategy to engage youth, educators, and advocates in a campaign for equitable school integration in New Jersey.
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Criminal Justice Reform

- A \$50,000 program grant to [University of Chicago -- Crime Lab New York](#) for research to measure racial disparities in New Jersey's criminal justice system and to develop strategies to redress structural racism within the system.

[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 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.

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