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## **The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$1,250,000 in Grants**

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$1,250,000 in grants to 18 non-profit organizations at their June 2021 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to organizations in the areas of climate change and clean energy, environmental protection, voting rights, education, criminal justice reform, social justice and workers' rights, and transportation.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, "We at The Fund are pleased to invest in these policy organizations working to offer solutions that address the growing climate crisis, protect the state's natural resources, improve public transportation, expand voting rights, and promote racial and economic justice in New Jersey. These investments are critical in making New Jersey a better place to live, with access to opportunities for all residents and newcomers."

Jamieson continued, "We are proud to highlight the work of the NJ Domestic Workers Coalition, consisting of six different grassroots organizations advocating for the rights of domestic workers, such as housekeepers, nannies, and home care workers in New Jersey. Many of these workers are typically excluded from overtime pay, federal labor laws, minimum wage, and other labor protections that we often take for granted. In New Jersey, 97% of domestic workers are women, 60% women of color, and 52% are immigrants. Too many of these workers are denied lunch breaks, owed money, or at risk on the job due to the lack of safety precautions. Eliminating the inequalities that domestic workers face is a critical task that we must overcome to give them a real opportunity to succeed and to treat them with dignity and respect."

Grants awarded in June 2021 include:

**Democracy & Social Justice**

- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [League of Women Voters of New Jersey Education Fund](#) to protect New Jersey's democracy, including specific focus on communities of color and voters whose first language is not English.
- A \$100,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund](#) to advance public policy solutions that foster health care access and affordable coverage, promote economic and social justice, and end poverty in New Jersey.
- A \$100,000 general operating grant to the [American Civil Liberties Union – New Jersey](#) to support criminal justice reform in NJ, protect reproductive rights, and advance racial justice work.
- A \$100,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice](#) to support and advance racial and economic justice in NJ's urban communities and to expand voting rights.

### **Environmental Protection**

- A \$65,000 general operating grant as part of a three-year grant (year three) to [New Jersey Conservation Foundation](#) to advance policies that protect the environment and support the rapid transition to renewable energy in New Jersey.
- A \$60,000 general operating grant as part of a three-year grant (year three) to the [Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions](#) to advance state and local policy to improve water quality, protect water supply, and reduce plastic pollution.
- A \$55,000 general operating grant as part of a three-year grant (year three) 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 \$50,000 general operating grant as part of a three-year grant (year three) to [Pinelands Preservation Alliance](#) to advance and enforce policies to protect the natural resources of the Pinelands region.
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) to protect, preserve, and restore the water quality of the Hudson-Raritan Harbor Estuary.
- A \$25,000 program grant to [NJ League of Conservation Voters Education Fund](#) for its Green in '21 Initiative to inform candidates and the public about pressing environmental and environmental justice issues.

### **Climate Change & Clean Energy**

- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#) to advance policies for climate and clean energy, Right to Know, and COVID-19 worker protections, and to provide leadership to the Jersey Renews coalition.
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) to advance climate and clean energy and equitable transportation work in New Jersey, and to provide leadership to the Jersey Renews coalition.

- A \$25,000 general operating grant to [GreenFaith](#) to educate and mobilize faith leaders on equitable clean energy policies emphasizing green jobs and environmental health and to provide leadership to the Jersey Renews coalition.
- An \$85,000 general operating grant to [Eastern Environmental Law Center](#) to provide legal advocacy and expertise to advance climate resiliency, promote clean energy, and protect water quality.

### **Transportation**

- A \$25,000 program grant to [Regional Plan Association](#) to support its Move NJ campaign that focuses on research, outreach, communications, and coalition-building to support full and dedicated NJ Transit funding.
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [Tri-State Transportation Campaign](#) to organize and advocate for a strong and equitable public transit system and advance climate-resilient transportation policies focusing on environmental justice communities.

### **Workers' Rights**

- A \$120,000 three-year operating grant (year-one) to Adhikaar, New Labor, Wind of the Spirit, Casa Freehold, Unidad Latina en Accion New Jersey, and the National Domestic Workers Alliance (\$20,000 each) to advocate for and implement a New Jersey Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights.

### **Education and Anti-Poverty**

- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [Advocates for Children of NJ](#) to advance state and federal policies that support low-income children and families and improve children's educational outcomes in disadvantaged communities.

[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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