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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$445,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$445,000 in grants to five nonprofit organizations at their September 2021 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to organizations in the areas of lead poisoning prevention and public education.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund has worked since 2015 to support organizations that catalyze public policy to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey. Since then, Fund grantees New Jersey Future and Green and Healthy Homes Initiative have worked together with partners to launch Lead-Free NJ – a groundbreaking coalition that brings together advocates and other stakeholders focused on eliminating the sources of lead poisoning in both paint, soil, and water. Milestone achievements include new laws to require lead service lines to be replaced across NJ within 10 years to ensure healthy drinking water and mandate remediation of lead-based paint in rental homes, the primary source of lead exposure. We are proud of their work and leadership.”

Jamieson further noted, “Central to Lead-Free NJ’s success is grassroots community organizing and engagement, which in turn informs state and local policy advocacy. In 2020, The Fund seeded three community hubs in Paterson, Newark, and Trenton to support grassroots community organizing and engagement in Lead-Free NJ and to inform public policy through the lived experience of community residents.”

Grants awarded in September 2021 include:

Lead Poisoning Prevention

- A \$75,000 operating grant to [Green and Healthy Homes Initiative](#) to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by providing expertise and project support to the [Lead-Free New Jersey](#) campaign; advocating for regulatory change, sustainable funding, and infrastructure upgrades while centering racial equity; and advancing the 10 strategic recommendations of the [2018 New Jersey Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan](#).

- A \$75,000 operating grant to [New Jersey Future](#) to center racial equity and provide leadership to the [Lead-Free New Jersey](#) campaign including eliminating lead contamination of New Jersey drinking water and advancing grassroots support to advocate for policies, regulations, programs, and investments to end lead poisoning in NJ.

Public Education

- A \$100,000 operating grant to [Education Law Center](#) to ensure equal access to a high-quality public education by advocating for adequate school funding, school construction needs, reduced use of local law enforcement in schools, and integration.
- A \$57,500 operating grant to [Latino Action Network Foundation](#) for its collaboration with Salvation and Social Justice to organize grassroots support, advance a policy agenda, and launch a public campaign to remedy systemic racism in public education.
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[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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