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# The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$905,000 in Grants

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of <u>The Fund for New Jersey</u> awarded \$905,000 in grants to <u>eleven nonprofit organizations</u> at their first quarterly Board meeting of 2022. Grants were awarded to organizations in the areas of immigration, housing, education, and public media.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, "We are pleased to continue investing in organizations advocating for inclusive policies that make New Jersey a more welcoming and affordable place for all. The effects of the pandemic have exacerbated the state's long-standing housing crisis and shortage of access to quality child care. Fair Share Housing Center, the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, and Advocates for Children of New Jersey have responded swiftly to address emergent crises, while building momentum to create long-term solutions."

Jamieson further noted, "Immigrants have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, often as essential workers on the front lines. However, strong collaborations between New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, American Friends Service Committee, Make the Road New Jersey, Wind of the Spirit, and Faith in New Jersey have ensured critical financial relief and policy advances for a Fair and Welcoming Garden State. The Fund is very pleased to award multi-year grants to these organizations, which are leading the critical work for immigrant iustice."

#### **Grants awarded in March 2022 include:**

## **Immigration**

A \$100,000 multi-year program grant to <u>American Friends Service Committee</u> (year one
of three) to end immigrant detention and to advocate for immigrant-inclusive policies in
New Jersey.

- A \$125,000 multi-year operating grant to the <u>New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice</u> (year one of three) to support and grow a statewide coalition that advances campaigns to foster justice, inclusion, belonging, and the empowerment of immigrant communities
- A \$25,000 challenge grant to the <u>New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice</u> to support strategic planning and diversify funding to ensure sustainability of the coalition.
- A \$100,000 multi-year operating grant to <u>Make the Road New Jersey</u> (year one of three) to advance pro-immigrant policies, workers' rights, and youth justice through grassroots organizing and policy innovation.
- A \$65,000 multi-year operating grant to <u>Wind of the Spirit</u> (year one of three) to educate, organize, and mobilize immigrant communities to advance fair and humane immigrant policies.
- A \$65,000 multi-year operating grant to <u>Faith in New Jersey</u> (year one of three) to advance racial, social, and immigrant justice while continuing to develop community leaders with the goal of liberation.

#### Housing

- A \$100,000 operating grant to <u>Fair Share Housing Center</u> to expand affordable housing and challenge exclusionary land-use policies that perpetuate racial and economic segregation.
- A \$125,000 operating grant to the <u>Housing Community & Development Network of New Jersey</u> to support COVID-19 pandemic housing relief efforts, advance the multi-year RENT campaign, and launch HOUSED NJ, a multipronged campaign to secure federal and state investments in housing.

#### **Public Media**

- A \$50,000 program grant to <u>WHYY News</u> to support high-quality journalism focusing on critical policy, civic, and social justice issues facing New Jersey.
- A \$50,000 program grant to <u>New Jersey Public Radio</u> to support high-quality journalism focusing on critical policy, civic, and social justice issues facing New Jersey.

#### **Education**

 A \$75,000 operating grant to <u>Advocates of Children of New Jersey</u> to advance state and federal policies that support low-income children and families and improve children's quality of life in disadvantage communities.

### Other

• A \$25,000 operating grant to <u>New Jersey Citizen Action</u> to implement essential structural changes to strengthen the organization.

<u>The Fund for New Jersey</u> 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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