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## **The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$515,000 in Grants**

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$515,000 in grants to nine nonprofit organizations at their September 2022 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to organizations in the areas of lead poisoning prevention, public education and anti-poverty.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund has worked since 2015 to support organizations that advocate for a lead-free New Jersey. Unfortunately, communities across the country and in New Jersey continue to be impacted by lead-contaminated paint, soil, and water. Children are particularly vulnerable to poisoning from lead, with life-long consequences. We at The Fund are proud to continue supporting the [Lead-Free New Jersey collaborative](#) — advocating for regulatory change, sustainable funding, and infrastructure updates all while centering racial equity.”

Jamieson further noted, “Central to Lead-Free NJ are three community-based organizations: East Trenton Collaborative, Paterson Habitat for Humanity, and the Newark Water Coalition. These organizations offer on-the-ground experience and the perspective of those most impacted by lead, which inform policy recommendations that aim to eliminate lead hazards.”

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

#### **Lead Poisoning Prevention**

- A \$75,000 operating grant to [New Jersey Future](#) to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by providing leadership to the Lead-Free New Jersey campaign; advocating for regulatory change, sustainable funding, and infrastructure updates while centering racial equity.
- A \$75,000 operating grant to [Green and Healthy Homes Initiative](#) to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by providing leadership to the Lead-Free New Jersey

campaign; advocating for regulatory change, sustainable funding, and infrastructure updates while centering racial equity.

- A \$90,000 program grant to the Lead-Free New Jersey Community Mobilization ([Paterson Habitat for Humanity](#), [Newark Water Coalition](#), [East Trenton Collaborative](#)) to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by providing leadership to the Lead-Free New Jersey campaign, supporting community mobilization and engagement, and centering the experience and perspective of those most impacted by lead.

### **Public Education**

- A \$75,000 operating grant to [Salvation and Social Justice](#) for its collaboration with Latino Action Network Foundation to advance a policy agenda that promotes integrated, inclusive schools and works to remedy systemic racism in public education.
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- A \$100,000 operating grant to [Education Law Center](#) to advocate for adequate school funding, school construction needs, and equitable and diverse learning environments by serving as convener of the Our Children/Our Schools Coalition and working with partners on school integration efforts.

### **Anti-Poverty**

- A \$25,000 operating grant to the [Family Success Institute](#) to advance a policy agenda that transforms how the state supports families through community-based and community-directed services.

[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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