

News from The Fund

“The Fund for New Jersey commemorates and celebrates the life of Ingrid Reed, who passed away this past Saturday, July 27th.

Ms. Reed was a tremendous leader who championed the building blocks of a healthy, informed, and engaged civil society in New Jersey for several decades. She is well recognized for her time as a former director of the New Jersey project at Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics, and she recently served as chair of the Community Advisory Board for the state’s public television network, NJTV.

Ms. Reed was a central figure in the development and founding of many media and public-oriented institutions throughout the state, and The Fund for New Jersey enjoyed a trusted partnership with her on several occasions over the course of her incredible life and career. She was a one-of-a-kind advocate for the Garden State and will truly be missed. Our thoughts are with her family and loved ones at this difficult time.”

- Brandon McKoy, President, The Fund for New Jersey

Grantee News

- The Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ) welcomed [Woodrow Prevard](#) as Technical Assistance and Training Coordinator.
- Fair Share Housing Center’s historic and arduous work on the Mount Laurel Doctrine was [highlighted](#) in the New York Times. The article noted that New Jersey is home to the strongest statewide housing policy in the country and other states look to New Jersey’s approach to build their own fair housing measures.
- New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance celebrated the fifth anniversary of the [Equitable and Just National Climate Platform](#). The EJNCP is a collaboration between 346 organizations across the country advocating for environmental justice in the United States.

Policy Updates

- The Domestic Workers Bill of Rights is finally [in effect](#), thanks to the tireless work of the [New Jersey Domestic Workers Coalition](#), comprised of organizations including Adhikaar, Casa Freehold, Lazos America Unida, New Labor, Unidad Latina en Acción NJ, Wind of the Spirit, and the National Domestic Workers Alliance. Employers are now required to pay fair wages, ensure safe working conditions, and

provide written contracts laying out job responsibilities, wages, schedules, breaks, and regular paydays. Live-in workers (such as nannies or au pairs) cannot be required to work more than six consecutive days without an intervening 24-hour period of rest.

- Medical debt will no longer be reflected in credit reports, an effort championed by New Jersey Citizen Action. Among other measures, the [Louisa Carman Medical Debt Relief Act](#) bans most medical debt from being reported to credit reporting agencies, imposes a 3% cap on interest rates, and prohibits garnishing wages for patients earning below 600% of the Federal Poverty Level. Read more [here](#).

Policy Setbacks

- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved a proposed natural gas-fired power plant meant to keep the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) running during power outages. Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC), New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA) and other environment-focused advocates [rebuke the decision](#). The neighborhood where the plant will be located is considered an overburdened community, as per New Jersey's [Environmental Justice Law](#), due to the fact that it already houses four other power plants. While the DEP's approval included strict conditions, ICC and [NJEJA](#) have expressed concern regarding the DEP's ability to hold the PVSC accountable. Read more [here](#).

Policy Report

- [Out of Reach: The High Cost of Housing](#) report is a collaboration between The Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ) and the National Low Income Housing Coalition. The report highlights the gap between current wages and the amount people need to earn to afford a rental home at fair market price without spending more than 30% of their income.
- New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (NJEJA) has released [Environmental Justice Concerns with Carbon Capture and Hydrogen Co-Firing in the Power Sector](#). The report was written in partnership with The New School's Tishman Environment and Design Center, the Center for the Urban Environment of the John S. Watson Institute for Urban Policy and Research at Kean University, and the Center for Earth, Energy, and Democracy. It calls into question the safety, feasibility, and reliance on carbon capture and hydrogen as mechanisms to manage and mitigate climate change.

Events

- August 13 – [2024 Summer Joint Policy Forum](#), Council of New Jersey Grantmakers and New Jersey Center for Nonprofits
- October 10-11 – [Time for Turbines 7](#), New Jersey Work Environment Council and Environment New Jersey



- October 29 – [Under One Roof](#), Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey

Job Announcements

- [ACLU-NJ](#) – [multiple positions](#)
- [Eagleton Institute of Politics](#) – [Public Relations Specialist II](#)
- [New Jersey Citizen Action](#) – [multiple positions](#)
- [New Jersey Conservation Foundation](#) – [Director of Policy](#)
- [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice](#) – [multiple positions](#)
- [New Jersey Policy Perspective](#) – [Individual Giving Manager](#)
- [AAPI New Jersey](#) multiple positions

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