



For More Information:

Lucy Vandenberg

609-356-0421 ext. *13

lvandenberg@fundfornj.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 25, 2015

The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$855,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](http://www.fundfornj.org) awarded \$855,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their June 2015 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [seventeen organizations](#) in the areas of climate change, water quality, criminal justice reform, and vulnerable communities.

[The Fund for New Jersey](http://www.fundfornj.org) 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 more than 40 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.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is proud to support these innovative organizations working at the forefront of public policy research, advocacy, and organizing in New Jersey. These non-profit organizations are leading the way in efforts to address the urgent challenge of climate change by advancing clean energy and reducing air pollution in New Jersey, improve New Jersey’s water quality, and advance racial equality and the fairness of New Jersey’s criminal justice policies.”

“The human costs of climate change will be severe in New Jersey. Although the problem is a global one and its causes transcend borders, the harms will happen here. New Jersey residents will feel the impact of superstorms, rising sea levels, and extreme fluctuations in heat and precipitation. Solutions will require local intervention. The Fund’s grants support policy work that will address the local and state-based contributors of greenhouse gases and lay the groundwork for effective responses,” said Jamieson.

Grants awarded in June 2015 include:

Climate Change

- A \$50,000 program grant to [Rutgers Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy](#) to create a policy roadmap for achieving New Jersey’s greenhouse gas emissions targets.
- A \$50,000 program grant to [Regional Plan Association](#) to develop climate adaptation and mitigation strategies for NJ’s urban communities.

- A \$100,000 operating challenge grant to [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) to make climate change mitigation and expansion of clean energy policy priorities for New Jersey.
- A \$50,000 program grant to [New Jersey Conservation Foundation](#) to advance policies to stop proposed oil and gas pipelines from crossing preserved lands and to require new pipelines to undergo a comprehensive planning and needs assessment.
- An \$85,000 operating grant to [Eastern Environmental Law Center](#) to support the work of New Jersey's only public interest environmental law firm to advance clean energy and environmental justice in New Jersey.
- A \$25,000 program grant to [Delaware Riverkeeper Network](#) to advance policies to prevent expansion of pipelines and other shale gas infrastructure in New Jersey and instead to advance clean energy technology.
- A \$50,000 operating grant to [Pinelands Preservation Alliance](#) to advance and enforce policies to protect water and other natural resources of the Pinelands.
- A \$50,000 operating grant to [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#) to protect NJ's environmental and workplace safeguards and to increase transparency of chemical storage and crude oil movement.
- A \$25,000 program challenge grant to [Clean Water Fund](#) and [New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance](#) to improve the public health of low-income residents living near the port and to promote economic justice for port workers through their leadership of the [Coalition for Healthy Ports](#).
- A \$20,000 program grant to [Ironbound Community Corporation](#) to advance policies to improve air quality and public health in Newark and elsewhere in New Jersey.
- A \$25,000 program grant to [GreenFaith](#) to build strong support from faith communities for state policies that create green jobs and reduce pollution and climate impacts.

Water Quality

- A \$50,000 operating grant to [NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) to improve the water quality of the Hudson-Raritan Estuary.
- A \$50,000 operating grant to the [Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions](#) to protect water quality, combat climate change, and preserve open space through education and mobilization of environmental commissions in NJ.
- A \$50,000 operating grant to the [New Jersey Highlands Coalition](#) to promote enhancement and enforcement of policies to protect water and other resources of the Highlands.

Criminal Justice Reform and Vulnerable Communities

- A \$50,000 program grant to [Drug Policy Alliance](#) to improve the fairness of criminal justice policies and reduce the number of people in New Jersey incarcerated for drug law violations.
- A \$40,000 operating grant to [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice](#) to advance racial and economic equality in NJ's urban communities, including focus on community-police relations.
- An \$85,000 operating grant to [New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund](#) to foster a fair economy and access to health care for low-income families, seniors, people of color, immigrants, women, and workers.