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## The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$310,000 in Grants

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of <u>The Fund for New Jersey</u> awarded \$310,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their September 2016 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to <u>six</u> <u>organizations</u> in the areas of education, good government, public media, environmental sustainability, and criminal justice reform.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, "The Fund for New Jersey is proud to support these policy organizations working to support public education and to advance fairness and equity in New Jersey."

Grants awarded in September 2016 include:

## **Public Education**

- A \$100,000 general operating grant to <u>Education Law Center</u> to preserve and enhance New Jersey's strong public education system by advocating for fair school funding and advancing equity through initiatives such as preschool expansion, adequate facilities, and fair standards and assessments.
- A \$25,000 program grant to <u>Pre-K Our Way</u> to build and mobilize public support for preschool expansion in New Jersey.

## Other

- A \$85,000 general operating grant to <u>American Civil Liberties Union New Jersey</u> to advance racial justice, with a particular emphasis on just police practices and criminal justice system reform, including a new campaign to end mass incarceration.
- A \$25,000 program challenge grant to <u>American Sustainable Business Institute</u> to launch a New Jersey affiliate guided by "triple-bottom-line" principles of business support for protection of the environment, fair wages, and economic policies that catalyze jobs and a strong economy.
- A \$10,000 general operating grant to <u>Due Process</u> to enhance awareness and spur debate about timely legal and policy issues.



• A \$25,000 program grant to <u>Rutgers Center on the American Governor</u> to research how the transition period between the election of a New Jersey governor and his or her inauguration can be used most effectively to lay the groundwork for a productive administration.

<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 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.