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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$890,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$890,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their June 2016 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [16 organizations](#) in the areas of climate change and clean air, water quality, transportation, and criminal justice reform and social justice.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is proud to support these policy organizations working for clean air and water and to advance fairness and equity in New Jersey. These non-profit organizations are fighting for clean air, combatting climate change, advocating for clean energy and clean water, improving economic opportunities for New Jersey residents, and working to create a fairer criminal justice system.”

“Particularly timely,” said Jamieson, “are the portfolio of grants to nonprofit organizations working to fight air pollution affecting communities around the Ports of Newark & Elizabeth and organize new constituencies in support of clean air. Pollution from dirty trucks is making children and adults sick. These groups are challenging the Port Authority of NY/NJ to tackle pollution, which will improve the health and well-being of urban residents. We at The Fund are proud to support their clean air work.”

Jamieson also noted, “The Fund is also pleased to support the organizations working to reform New Jersey’s criminal justice system. New Jersey’s new bail reform law is a model for the nation and incarceration rates overall are on the decline in New Jersey. A recent study by The Sentencing Project, however, revealed that New Jersey has the worst racial disparities in prison rates in the U.S. – more than twice the national average. Clearly, there is more work to be done to make our system just for all.”

Grants awarded in June 2016 include:

Climate Change & Clean Air

- A \$60,000 program grant to [Coalition for Healthy Ports](#) to support policy change to significantly reduce the impact of diesel emissions and other forms of pollution on children and families in low-income communities and communities of color surrounding the Ports of Newark and Elizabeth through collaboration by [Clean Water Fund](#), [Ironbound Community Corporation](#), and [New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance](#).
- A \$25,000 program challenge grant to [Moms Clean Air Force – NJ Chapter](#) to inform and engage New Jersey parents about the public health risks associated with air pollution in order to mobilize action to achieve policies to ensure cleaner air and a healthier environment in New Jersey.
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) to advocate for clean energy and climate change mitigation policies in New Jersey, and to develop a state clean energy policy coalition in collaboration with [GreenFaith](#) and [NJ Work Environment Council](#).
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#) to advance policies to protect New Jersey's environmental and workplace safeguards, increase the transparency of chemical storage and crude oil movement, and to develop a state clean energy policy coalition in collaboration with [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) and [GreenFaith](#).
- A \$50,000 program grant to [GreenFaith](#) to educate and mobilize faith leaders in support of a pro-climate and pro-green jobs policy agenda, and to develop a state clean energy policy coalition in collaboration with [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) and [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#).
- A \$65,000 program grant to [New Jersey Conservation Foundation](#) to foster a rapid transition to renewable energy in New Jersey, while advancing policies to stop the construction of proposed natural gas infrastructure through conserved lands.
- An \$85,000 general 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 \$50,000 general operating grant to [Pinelands Preservation Alliance](#) to advance and enforce policies to protect and preserve the natural resources of the Pinelands region.
- A \$25,000 program challenge grant to [New Jersey League of Conservation Voters Education Fund](#) to develop an inclusive environmental policy agenda and to educate the public about environmental issues.

Water Quality

- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [NY/NJ Baykeeper](#) to protect, preserve, and restore the water quality of the Hudson-Raritan Harbor Estuary, with a focus on policies to improve stormwater management and combined sewer outflows and reduce plastics pollution.
- A \$60,000 general operating grant to [Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions](#) to support public policy advocacy and education on water quality protection and open space preservation in New Jersey.
- A \$55,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Highlands Coalition](#) to protect and defend the Highlands Act and the Regional Master Plan and to educate the public and decision-makers about the importance of policies to protect water quality and other natural resources of the Highlands.

Transportation

- A \$40,000 program grant to [Regional Plan Association](#) to support a comprehensive evaluation of Trans-Hudson mobility issues and to develop a series of policy recommendations to accommodate the anticipated growth in travel demand between New Jersey and New York, with a focus on the impacts on New Jersey commuters.

Criminal Justice Reform & Social Justice

- A \$50,000 program grant to [Drug Policy Alliance](#) to advance policies to improve the fairness of criminal justice policies and reduce the number of people in New Jersey incarcerated for drug law violations, with an emphasis on bail reform implementation, parole reform, and decreased penalties for drug-related offenses.
- A \$65,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice](#) to advance racial and economic justice in New Jersey's urban communities, with a focus on policies to reform the criminal and juvenile justice systems and to increase economic mobility.
- An \$85,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund](#) to advance long-term public policy solutions that promote economic and social justice for low- and moderate-income families in New Jersey, with a focus on advancing policies to help families achieve work/family balance and economic security and on expanding access to health care

[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 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.