

## The Fund For New Jersey Newsletter

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### The Fund News

The Fund is searching for an Operations Manager. This position is integral to the success of The Fund for New Jersey and is responsible for the infrastructure that supports our work. Please help us circulate the <u>position description</u> widely or consider applying yourself. Address materials to Brandon McKoy, President, at jobs@fundfornj.org. All inquiries will be considered strictly confidential.

### **Grantee News**

 The Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ) has been awarded over \$280K by The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support the housing counseling services of eight nonprofit sub-grantee organizations. The funds are intended to provide critically needed counseling to families and individuals and to prevent future foreclosures. Read full statement here.

# **Policy Updates**

• Two bills offering some support to school districts facing state reductions in the FY25 state budget have been signed. The first would appropriate \$44.7 million to restore 45% of state aid to school districts facing cuts under the school funding formula for the 2024-2025 school year. The second allows districts facing state aid cuts to submit their budgets five days after the state budget is finalized, giving them extra time to develop a balanced budget. The Education Law Center recognized the efforts to mitigate some of the cuts proposed for school districts but agrees a more robust solution is needed. Read more here.

# **Policy Reports**

- In their report, Very Big, Very Few, and Far Away: Majority of Companies That Would Pay the Corporate Transit Fee Are From Out-of-State, New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP) studies NJ Transit's budget deficit and what the proposed Corporate Transit Fee could mean moving forward.
- NJPP's <u>Outdated and Ineffective: Why New Jersey Needs to Update Its Top Anti-Poverty Program</u> addresses how administrative barriers prevent many families from receiving assistance when they need it most. In many cases, aid remains far too low to cover necessities or protect against the harms of deep poverty.
- Advocates for Children of New Jersey released its annual publication: <u>New Jersey</u>
  <u>Kids Count 2024: The State of Our Counties</u>. The report explores a variety of issues,



such as economic security, health, and education, that impact the state's youth and their families. The data are broken down by county, race, and ethnicity.

#### **Events**

- March 26 June 25 <u>Migration Justice Webinar Series</u>, American Friends Service Committee
- June 5 7 New Jersey Planning and Redevelopment Conference, New Jersey Future and APA New Jersey
- June 18 Council of New Jersey Grantmakers' Spring Colloquium A Conversation on the Social Sector
- July 17 <u>Healthy Communities: Two Collaboratives, One Vision</u>, Jersey Water Works and Lead Free New Jersey.

# Job Announcements

- ACLU-NJ multiple positions
- Eagleton Institute of Politics Program Coordinator 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
- Salvation and Social Justice Licensed Social Worker

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