Grantee News

Policy Update

- The League of Women Voters of New Jersey, along with partners including the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, Fair Share Housing Center, Faith in New Jersey, Ironbound Community Corporation, Latino Action Network, Make the Road New Jersey, New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, New Jersey Citizen Action, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, New Jersey Policy Perspective, Salvation and Social Justice, and Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, among others, introduced their “People’s Lame Duck Agenda” via virtual press conference on November 6th. Copies of the agenda were hand delivered to every legislative district office in an effort to push state legislators to address 20 stalled bills currently without a hearing. The agenda has a strong focus on racial and social justice, emphasizing issues such as voting rights reform, non-discriminatory home appraisals, and protections for immigrant communities. Read more here; read full agenda here.

Policy Setbacks

- Offshore wind developer Ørsted has pulled the plug on wind farm projects off the New Jersey coast—a disappointment to proponents of clean energy alternatives such as the Jersey Renews Coalition, which is co-convened by Environment New Jersey and New Jersey Work Environment Council. Jersey Renews recently hosted its sixth annual Time for Turbines event to highlight New Jersey’s progress toward alternative sources of energy. Though Ørsted’s announcement is a setback to clean energy projects, several separate offshore wind projects are underway with other developers. Read more here and here.

Policy Report

- Education Law Center (ELC) has long highlighted the state’s failure to fully implement the school funding formula, which has not been updated since 2008. Recalibration of New Jersey’s School Funding Formula is Long Overdue, ELC urges revisiting the formula to consider the needs of current parents, students, and faculty and to adjust base formulae to better serve English Language Learners and students in poverty. Read ELC’s series here.

Events

- December 6 – Annual Nonprofits Conference, New Jersey Center for Nonprofits.
- December 14 – Ninth Annual Jersey Water Works Conference, Jersey Water Works
Job Announcements

- Environment NJ – Clean Energy Advocate
- Green and Healthy Homes Initiative – Housing Intervention Specialist
- Council of New Jersey Grantmakers – Manager of Communications
- New Jersey Conservation Foundation – Campaign Coordinator for New Jersey Clean Building Campaign
- New Jersey Institute for Social Justice – multiple positions
- New Jersey Future – Development Director
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – multiple positions

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