

### The Fund for New Jersey News

- The Fund for New Jersey is proud to announce that for the 3rd quarter of 2021 it has awarded \$445,000 in grants to advance public policies in the areas of lead poisoning prevention and public education. Read the full press release [here](#).

### Grantee News

#### **Policy Victories:**

- On September 14, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 262, establishing the Wealth Disparity Task Force, which was previously announced on Juneteenth of this year. The Task Force will advise the Murphy administration on strategies to address the various cause and effects of wealth disparity in New Jersey. Members appointed to the Task Force include Fund grantees Cuqui Rivera from the Latino Action Network Foundation, Rev. Eric Dobson from Fair Share Housing Center, Brandon McKoy from NJ Policy Perspective, and Fund Trustee Michellene Davis. Read more [here](#). While the Task Force is a first step, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice is pushing for a new law that would create a New Jersey Reparations Task Force to study and take responsibility for New Jersey's role in American slavery and to make policy recommendations to repair its enduring effects (#SayTheWord). Read more [here](#).
- On September 25, PennEast announced that it would end all further development of the PennEast pipeline that would ship Marcellus Shale gas from Luzerne County in Pennsylvania, across the Delaware River to Mercer County. This pipeline development would have harmed thousands of acres of conserved forest, wetlands, and waterways while at the same time contributing to the climate crisis. This project represented outdated fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when climate change is increasingly tied to extreme weather. Fund grantees NJ Conservation Foundation, Eastern Environmental Law Center, Environment NJ, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Clean Water Action, and partners strongly advocated against the pipeline construction. Read more [here](#).

#### **Policy Reports:**

- New Jersey Policy Perspective released the report, *To Protect and Serve: Investing in Public Safety Beyond Policing*. This report examines how New Jersey can create a safer, healthier, and more equitable state for all by reimagining public safety and exploring crisis response models that are not led by police. The first sections of this report provide important historical context on how policing evolved into the system seen today. In short, the racialized history of criminal justice policies and practices, such as “broken windows” policing and the War on Drugs, encouraged aggressive policing tactics, skyrocketing incarceration rates, and larger police budgets. Read more [here](#).

- New Jersey Future released the report, *Local Options/Local Actions: Resilience Strategies Case Studies*. This report looks at the impacts of rising seas, erosion, and coastal storms, including property damage, loss of property value, and declines in tax revenues in coastal communities in New Jersey. The report analyzes different innovative strategies that seek to protect against climate risks and guide communities toward a path of resilient development, fostering safe, healthy, and prosperous communities for generations to come. Read more [here](#).
- The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice released the report, *Repairing the Cracks: How New Jersey Can Restore Black & Brown Communities Ravaged by Covid-19 and Systemic Racism*. The report explores the disproportionate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on Black and other communities of color in the Garden State and proposes policies designed to address the immediate harm caused by the public health crisis and to create a stronger, more equitable New Jersey going forward. Read more [here](#).
- The Education Law Center released the report *Spending Targets Under the School Funding Reform Act*. The report uses newly released data for the 2020-21 school year, demonstrating why comparisons of school district spending must consider demographic differences in student composition rather than relying on simplistic comparisons of per-pupil spending levels. Read more [here](#).

### **Leadership and Organizational Announcements**

- Brandon McKoy, President of New Jersey Policy Perspective, will leave his position at the end of October to become Vice-President of State Partnerships at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities on November 1. We wish Brandon much success in his new role! Read more [here](#).

### **Job Announcements**

- [Deputy Director/Chief Operations Officer, Finance Director, People, Benefits, and Culture Manager](#), ACLU-NJ
- [Policy & Advocacy Director](#), NJ Work Environment Council
- [Staff Attorney](#), Fair Share Housing Center
- [Communications Associate, Policy Associate](#), Housing and Community Development Network of NJ
- [Associate Counsel for Economic Justice, Program Assistant](#), New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- [Immigrant Children and Youth Attorney, Immigrant Children and Youth Social Worker, Legal Assistant, Immigrant Children, Community Organizer](#), American Friends Service Committee
- [Various Position](#), Hyacinth AIDS Foundation



- [Various Positions](#), NJ Citizen Action
- [Environmental Justice Program Manager](#), NJ Environmental Justice Alliance
- [Education Rights Attorney](#), Education Law Center
- [Communications Director](#), [Policy Manager](#), NJ Future

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