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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$800,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$800,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their June 2018 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [13 organizations](#) in the areas of climate change and clean energy, water quality, criminal justice reform and social justice, and transportation.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is proud to support these policy organizations working to transition the state to clean energy while protecting its natural resources, ensure equitable and fair marijuana reform, expand and protect voting rights, and ensure a fair work/life balance for New Jersey families.”

“New Jersey has the opportunity to continue its strides in reforming its criminal justice system, building on its landmark bail reform,” said Jamieson. “The Fund’s portfolio of criminal justice and social justice grants are working to reform the parole system, transform the juvenile justice system, and ensure equitable and fair marijuana reform that centers communities of color most harmed by prohibition. Grantees are working to address the disproportionate effect of voter disenfranchisement on people of color, with African Americans accounting for 50% of individuals disenfranchised despite only accounting for 13% of the population, due to New Jersey’s large racial disparities in incarceration. New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, for instance, is working to restore the right to vote to the 95,000 New Jerseyans with criminal convictions, three quarters of whom are community members on parole or probation. These complementary and parallel policy campaigns will advance New Jersey as a leader in criminal justice reform. ”

Grants awarded in June 2018 include:

Criminal Justice Reform & Social Justice



- A \$50,000 program grant to [Drug Policy Alliance—NJ](#) to advance policies that promote a fair and racially just criminal justice system and to reduce the number of people in New Jersey incarcerated for drug law violations, with an emphasis on parole reform and fair and equitable marijuana reform.
- An \$85,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund](#) to advance public policy solutions that promote economic and social justice for low- and moderate-income families in NJ, with a focus on advancing policies to help families achieve work/family balance, economic security, and access to affordable health care.
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice](#) to advance racial and economic justice in NJ's urban communities with an emphasis on developing policies to increase economic mobility, restoring voting rights to New Jerseyans with criminal convictions, and transforming the juvenile justice system through its leadership in the Youth Justice New Jersey Decarceration campaign.

Climate Change and Clean Energy

- An \$85,000 general operating grant to [Eastern Environmental Law Center](#) to support New Jersey's only public interest environmental law firm to provide legal advocacy and expertise in order to advance clean energy and environment policy.
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) to advocate for renewable energy and clean transportation policies in New Jersey, and to provide leadership to [Jersey Renewals](#), a statewide coalition working to advance climate justice, clean energy, and good jobs in collaboration with [GreenFaith](#) and [NJ Work Environment Council](#).
- A \$50,000 program grant to [GreenFaith](#) to educate and mobilize faith leaders on equitable clean energy policies with an emphasis on green jobs and environmental health and to provide leadership to [Jersey Renewals](#), a statewide coalition working to advance climate justice, clean energy, and good jobs in collaboration with [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) and [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#).
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Work Environment Council](#) grant to advance policies to protect New Jersey's environmental and workplace safeguards, increase transparency of chemical storage and crude oil movement, and to provide leadership to [Jersey Renewals](#), a statewide coalition working to advance climate justice, clean energy, and good jobs in collaboration with [Environment New Jersey Research and Policy Center](#) and [GreenFaith](#).
- A \$65,000 program grant to [New Jersey Conservation Foundation](#) to advance forest stewardship and land conservation policy, while supporting the transition to renewable energy through its campaign to stop the construction of proposed natural gas infrastructure through conserved lands.

Water Quality & Land Use

- A \$60,000 general operating grant to [Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions](#) to support education of environmental commissions and public policy advocacy to protect the environment with a particular focus on improving water quality and reducing plastics pollution.
- A \$55,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Highlands Coalition](#) to protect and defend the NJ Highlands Act and the Regional Master Plan and to educate the public and decision-makers



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about the importance of policies to protect water quality and other natural resources of the Highlands.

- 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, address combined sewer outflows, ensure public access to the state's waterways, and reduce plastics pollution.
- 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.

Transportation

- A \$25,000 program grant to [Regional Plan Association](#) to advance implementation of the Gateway transit rail program by building and strengthening support for the project in New Jersey, while elevating the importance of the project nationally.

[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.

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