



The Fund for New Jersey

September 2023 Newsletter

The Fund News

- The Fund for New Jersey invites interested grantee partners to the first of what we hope will be regular “lunch and learn” gatherings. Join us on Thursday, September 28 at 12 noon in Newark to discuss “progressive human resources.” Any grantee staff member with HR responsibilities is welcome to join, listen, ask questions, and share experiences, policies, and practices. To RSVP, please contact Alison Streit Baron (abaron@fundfornj.org) by September 22.

Grantee News

Policy Setbacks

- A new law, signed in August, increases the time permitted for involuntary psychiatric commitments to a hospital, contingent upon a medical team securing a temporary court order. The American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey argues that the law curtails a patient’s right to consent and further exposes patients to racial and gender-based biases within the health care system. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).
- Last month, despite criticism from groups like the New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, a federal judge ruled a New Jersey law banning contracts with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency unconstitutional. The ruling allows the CoreCivic-operated Elizabeth Detention Center to remain open, after being slated to close. CoreCivic’s contract, which was to expire at the end of August, is now expected to be extended for an additional 12 months. Read more about the ruling [here](#); view NJAIJ’s full statement [here](#).
- A Monmouth University poll shows that support for the construction of offshore wind farms has taken a steep decline, from 84% a decade ago, to 74% four years ago, to 54% on the most recent poll. The poll results coincide with a recent announcement that New Jersey’s leading offshore wind developer faces new fiscal challenges which could further delay the project into 2026. Advocacy organizations such as Environment New Jersey credit a series of misinformation campaigns targeting offshore wind as a key contributor to declines in public support. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

Events

- September 13 – [Building Anti-Racist Multiracial Community](#), New Jersey Center for Non-Profits.
- October 13 – [2023 Environmental Congress](#), Association of NJ Environmental Commissions.
- October 20 – [Under One Roof 2023 Conference](#), Housing and Community Development Network of NJ.
- November 2-3 – [Time for Turbines](#), Jersey Renews.

Job Announcements

- New Jersey Conservation Foundation: [Campaign Coordinator for New Jersey Clean Building Campaign](#)
- New Jersey Institute for Social Justice: [Director, Democracy and Justice Program](#)
- Environment NJ: [New Jersey Clean Energy Advocate](#)
- New Jersey Future: [multiple positions](#)
- Council of New Jersey Grantmakers: [Manager of Communications](#)

Please send policy news and updates, job announcements, and staff updates to Hellen Zamora-Bustos at hzb@fundfornj.org or Instagram to [@thefundfornj](https://www.instagram.com/thefundfornj).

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