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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$577,500 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$577,500 in grants to non-profit organizations at their December 2017 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [nine organizations](#) in the areas of public media, anti-poverty, civil rights & criminal justice, education, HIV/AIDS prevention and non-profit advocacy.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is proud to support these fine organizations working on important issues including efforts to reform the juvenile and criminal justice systems, expand high-quality journalism, promote opportunity and public investment, address school segregation, and prevent and treat HIV/AIDS in the state.”

Jamieson added, “The Fund for New Jersey’s Board of Trustees have also committed up to \$100,000 to support a complete count for Census 2020 for New Jersey. In 2010 the statewide net undercount was an estimated 31,000 residents, with hard-to-count communities such as immigrants, Native Americans, children under 5, people living in multifamily housing, non-native English speakers, and people who are homeless, disproportionately undercounted. The Census is an essential policy tool, which government depends on to allocate resources, draw legislative districts and to direct spending. Most of what we know about U.S. demographics comes from the Census, and academics, nonprofits, and businesses rely on it to inform and direct their work. The Fund for New Jersey welcomes other grantmakers, government partners, businesses, and community-based organizations to work together to support a complete count of all New Jerseyans for the 2020 Census.”

Grants awarded in December 2017 include:

Public Media

- A \$100,000 general operating grant to [NJ Spotlight](#) to inform and engage New Jersey residents through in-depth and high-quality public policy and news analysis.



- A \$65,000 program grant to [New Jersey Public Radio](#) to educate the public about public policy issues affecting New Jersey and to foster a robust democracy by engaging audiences as active citizens.

Civil Rights & Criminal Justice

- A \$85,000 general operating grant to [American Civil Liberties Union—New Jersey](#) to advance racial justice, with a particular emphasis on criminal justice reform, just and equitable marijuana legalization, and protecting immigrant rights and voting rights.
- A \$40,000 program grant to [Rutgers Criminal and Youth Justice Clinic](#) to advance parole and sentencing reforms and improved conditions of confinement for New Jersey's incarcerated youth, in coordination with the Youth Justice New Jersey Decarceration campaign.

Public Education

- A \$37,500 general operating grant to [Save Our Schools New Jersey Community Organizing](#) to protect and improve New Jersey's public schools by advocating for fair school funding, charter school accountability, improved use of standardized testing, and community schools.
- A \$75,000 general operating grant to New Jersey Coalition for Diverse and Inclusive Schools, Inc. to address segregation in New Jersey's public schools through community organizing and engagement and to develop remedies that foster integration.

Other

- A \$25,000 general operating grant to [Center for Non-Profits](#) to promote a robust non-profit sector by protecting against federal policy threats, advancing state policies to strengthen the sector, and building non-profit advocacy capacity.
- A \$25,000 program grant to [Hyacinth AIDS Foundation](#) to advance policies to ensure that those living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey have access to necessary services and to reduce rates of HIV/AIDS infection in New Jersey.
- A \$125,000 general operating grant to [New Jersey Policy Perspective](#) to promote investment and opportunity in New Jersey through analysis and advocacy on the state budget, federal safety net programs, economic security, and immigration.

[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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