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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$280,000 in Grants for Education and Lead Poisoning Prevention

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$280,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their September 2018 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [four organizations](#) in the areas of lead poisoning prevention and education.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is proud to support these policy organizations working to further improve New Jersey’s strong public education system by increasing resources and access to a high-quality education for New Jersey’s most vulnerable residents.”

“We are particularly hopeful about the opportunity New Jersey has to end childhood lead poisoning, which negatively affects educational attainment and harms the health of thousands of New Jersey children.” said Jamieson. “By working together to implement the [New Jersey 2018 Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan](#), New Jersey can drastically reduce the 4,800 New Jersey children each year diagnosed with elevated lead levels in their blood.”

Grants awarded in September 2018 include:

Public Education

- A \$100,000 operating grant to [Education Law Center](#) to preserve and enhance New Jersey’s strong public education system by advocating for fair school funding, school construction needs, and school district consolidation with a focus on increasing equity and achieving positive educational outcomes.



- A \$50,000 operating grant to [Save Our Schools NJ Community Organizing](#) to protect and improve New Jersey's public schools by advocating for charter school accountability, improved use of standardized testing, and community schools.

Lead Poisoning Prevention

- An \$80,000 program grant to [Green & Healthy Homes Initiative](#) to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey by implementing the strategic recommendations of the [2018 New Jersey Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan](#) and identifying and aligning investments to support stakeholders in implementation.
- A \$50,000 program grant to [New Jersey Future](#) to reduce lead contamination of New Jersey drinking water by creating a Jersey Water Works task force, developing policy recommendations, and securing public commitments from stakeholders and policymakers to act to address lead contamination in NJ's water supply.

[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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