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## The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$278,000 in Grants

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$278,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their September 2019 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [four organizations](#) in the areas of lead poisoning prevention and public 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 strengthen New Jersey’s public education system by increasing resources and improving access to a high-quality education for New Jersey’s most vulnerable residents.”

“We are also committed to a holistic approach to end childhood lead poisoning in New Jersey, which harms educational attainment and threatens the health of thousands of New Jersey children.” said Jamieson. “By working together to continue implementation of the ten-year [New Jersey Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan](#), New Jersey can substantially reduce the 4,700 New Jersey children each year diagnosed with elevated lead levels in their blood.”

Grants awarded in September 2019 include:

### **Public Education**

- A \$100,000 operating grant to [Education Law Center](#) to ensure equal access to a high-quality public education by advocating for adequate funding, school construction needs, and equitable curriculum standards and student assessment policies to achieve improved educational outcomes.
- A \$50,000 operating grant to [Save Our Schools NJ Community Organizing](#) to improve New Jersey's public education systems by advocating for charter school accountability and transparency, improved use of standardized testing, and community schools.

## Lead Poisoning Prevention

- A \$60,000 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](#).
- A \$60,000 program grant to [New Jersey Future](#) to reduce lead contamination of New Jersey drinking water by continuing the second year of the Jersey Water Works Lead in Drinking Water task force and implementing policy recommendations.

[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 50 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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