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## The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$412,000 in Grants

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$412,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations at their December 2020 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to six organizations in the areas of environmental justice, health equity, economic equity and public media.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed deep racial and socioeconomic disparities in our communities, leaving many New Jersey families to struggle and face economic hardships. The Fund is proud to invest in these organizations that are on the front lines of advocacy and community change. These organizations not only bring awareness to the racial, economic, and social disparities in our state but are fighting every day to create more equitable policies to better the lives of New Jersey’s families.”

Jaimeson further noted, “The Fund is particularly proud to support a cohort of environmental justice organizations and allies engaged in community organizing, policy advocacy, and litigation to fight the air, water, and soil pollution that causes increased asthma, heart disease, cancer, and other health problems in residents exposed to heavy pollution in environmental justice communities. ”

Grants awarded in December 2020 include:

### **Public Media**

- A \$100,000 general operating grant to [NJ Spotlight News](#) to continue to provide high-quality public affairs coverage and analysis of current issues in New Jersey.

### **Economic Policy**

- A \$125,000 general operating grant to [NJ Policy Perspective](#) to drive policy change to foster shared prosperity, racial equity, and a more just New Jersey economy through evidence-based independent research, analysis, and strategic communications.

## **Environmental Justice**

- A \$50,000 multi-year operating grant (year one of three) to [NJ Environmental Justice Alliance](#) (NJEJA) to advance environmental justice policy work at the state, regional, and local levels while working to build its organizational capacity.
- A \$50,000 general operating grant to [Ironbound Community Corporation \(ICC\)](#) to advance its environmental justice policy, advocacy, and community organizing work in Newark and statewide.
- A \$37,000 program, challenge, multi-year grant (year one of two) to [Eastern Environmental Law Center \(EELC\)](#) to establish a new environmental justice staff attorney position.

## **Health Equity**

- A \$25,000 general operating grant to [Hyacinth AIDS Foundation](#) to continue its work to prevent new HIV/AIDS infections and to ensure that those living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey have access to necessary health care and services.

[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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