

The Fund for New Jersey News

- The Fund for New Jersey is proud to announce that in September it awarded grants in the total amount of \$278,000 to advance public policies in the areas of lead poisoning prevention and education. Read the full press release [here](#).
- The Fund for New Jersey supports a fair and accurate count of all New Jersey residents in the 2020 Census. To learn more about how nonprofits and civic organizations can get involved, read more [here](#).

Grantee News

Policy Victories:

- With support from New Jersey Future, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI), Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, Advocates for Children of New Jersey, and partners, Governor Murphy announced a comprehensive statewide plan to address lead hazards from all sources of exposure (water, paint, and soil), including a new \$500 million state bond to fund lead service line replacement and remediation of lead hazards in homes. The announcement drew upon recommendations in the October 2019 Jersey Water Works *Lead in Drinking Water Task Force Report* (see Policy Reports below) and the 2018 GHHI [New Jersey Lead Poisoning Prevention Action Plan](#). Read more [here](#).
- Following advocacy by New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Rethink Energy NJ, Pinelands Preservation Alliance, Environment New Jersey, Delaware Riverkeeper Network and partners, the PennEast pipeline has been delayed once more by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). NJDEP deemed the company's applications deficient based on a federal court's decision to block PennEast's bid to seize state-owned land. Read more [here](#).
- After advocacy by Jersey Renews, led by Environment New Jersey, New Jersey Work Environment Council, Greenfaith, and partners, Governor Murphy signed an executive order to establish a Council for Wind Innovation and New Development (WIND) Institute to develop and implement a plan to create a regional hub for New Jersey's offshore wind industry. Read more [here](#).
- As a result of advocacy by Environment New Jersey, New Jersey Work Environment Council, Jersey Renews, and partners, Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order announcing a statewide Climate Change Resilience Strategy including a Climate Change and Flood Resilience Program within NJDEP and an Interagency Council on Climate Resilience. Read more [here](#).
- With support from Make the Road New Jersey, Wind of the Spirit, New Labor and partners, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver signed into law a wage theft bill to ensure employers pay all workers their full salary and benefits and allow employees to file a protected wage theft complaint. Read more [here](#).

- After persistent advocacy by Make the Road New Jersey, American Friends Service Committee, New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice, Faith in New Jersey, Wind of the Spirit, American Civil Liberties Union-New Jersey and partners, New Jersey Attorney General Grewal blocked county participation in the 287(g) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agreements that provide for local law enforcement to serve as federal immigration agents in county jails. Read more [here](#).
- In an effort supported by Advocates for Children of New Jersey, the Murphy administration has appropriated an additional \$24 million in the state budget with a further dedication of \$30 million federal dollars for the child care subsidy program for a total of \$54 million to offset the increase in the state's minimum wage for families who would otherwise have fallen out of eligibility for childcare assistance. Read more [here](#).
- Following advocacy by Advocates for Children of New Jersey and partners, pre-school access has been extended to 28 new school districts in New Jersey as a result of Governor Murphy's \$68 million state budget appropriation this past June. Read more [here](#).

Policy Updates:

- The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring 45,000 temporary workers in New Jersey to help get a complete count of every resident in the state, especially in hard-to-count areas. Learn more [here](#).
- New Jersey Highlands Coalition hosted a series of public fora about the harmful algal blooms experienced in the state last summer. The Coalition has made public the panelists' presentations explaining what residents and policymakers alike can do about the issue. Read more [here](#).
- The New Jersey Fair Work Week Campaign has launched as a result of efforts by Make the Road New Jersey, New Jersey Policy Perspective, Rutgers University Center for Women and Work, Anti-Poverty Network, New Jersey Citizen Action, and partners. To learn about the campaign's goal of changing unfair scheduling practices in the state, read more [here](#).
- Following efforts by New Jersey Policy Perspective, Governor Murphy vetoed the controversial New Jersey corporate tax break legislation that would have extended the state's corporate tax-incentive programs into 2020 until the task force investigators complete their review of the NJ Economic Development Authority's program. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Future's analysis of lead service lines throughout New Jersey shows a more widespread problem than previously thought. Read more [here](#).
- As a result of advocacy by Pinelands Preservation Alliance, New Jersey Conservation Foundation, Rethink Energy NJ, and partners, a court ruling struck down a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule that would have allowed upwind states such as Ohio and West Virginia to delay curbing emissions that create ozone pollution in New Jersey. Read more [here](#).

Policy Reports:

- Jersey Water Works (staffed by New Jersey Future) released *Lead in Drinking Water: A Permanent Solution for New Jersey*, outlining actions New Jersey can take to virtually eliminate lead in drinking water in 10 years. Recommendations include a coordinated state-level campaign

to address lead from all sources and the importance of passing comprehensive legislation to address the issue. Read more [here](#).

- Regional Plan Association published *Congestion Pricing in NYC: Getting it Right* to inform thinking as to how to implement congestion pricing in a fair and effective manner for the greater New York City metropolitan area. The report offers 10 recommendations in system design and implementation and pricing for New Jersey and New York policymakers as they consider the issue. Read more [here](#).
- The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice published *Value to the Soul: People with Criminal Convictions on the Power of the Vote* detailing the importance of voting and how racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has impacted the voting rights of vulnerable communities. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective published *Reining in Corporate Tax Subsidies: A Better Economic Development Playbook for New Jersey* detailing recommendations to improve the state's corporate tax subsidy program to ensure it benefits all New Jersey residents and businesses. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective published *Strengthening New Jersey's Overtime Law* detailing the benefits of protecting and strengthening overtime regulations to families in New Jersey and the state's economy as a whole. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective published *More Hispanic and Asian Children Uninsured Likely Due to Chilling Effect* that finds an increase in in the number of uninsured Hispanic and Asian children in New Jersey and how the New Jersey can improve healthcare enrollment for these vulnerable populations through targeted strategies at the state level. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective released *New Jersey's Teacher Workforce* including recommendations to strengthen teacher pay, protect teacher benefits and diversify the teaching workforce. Read more [here](#).
- The Burke Foundation, The Nicholson Foundation, and The Turrell Fund, in partnership with the social-impact consulting firm FSG, released *Adverse Childhood Experiences: Opportunities to Prevent, Protect Against, and Heal from the Effects of ACEs in New Jersey* outlining opportunities to address adverse childhood experiences in New Jersey. Read more [here](#).
- Environment New Jersey, in partnership with Environment America and the Frontier Group, published *Renewables on the Rise 2019* outlining the growth of alternative energy technologies over the past decade and how effective policy at the state and federal levels has and will continue to strengthen New Jersey's and the country's ability to lessen reliance on fossil fuel for energy. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Citizen Action published the *State Development Bank Policy Brief* to give policymakers and the public information about the value of a state bank to advance socially beneficial capital projects throughout New Jersey. Read more [here](#).
- Advocates for Children of New Jersey published their *2019 Annual Report*, outlining the policy victories made over the past year, from protecting children from lead exposure to early childhood investments. Read more [here](#).

Leadership and Organizational Developments:

- Lee Keough has transitioned out of her role as NJSpotlight’s editor-in-chief and founding editor. We thank her for many years of service providing the Garden State with independent and in-depth local journalism focusing on public affairs coverage. Read more [here](#). New Jersey Spotlight’s former Social Engagement Manager and Reporter, Carly Sitrin, is now covering education issues for POLITICO. Read more [here](#).
- We welcome Charlene Walker as the new Executive Director of Faith in New Jersey, following the leadership of Archange Antoine who has matriculated at Princeton Theological Seminary. Read more [here](#).
- Congratulations to New Jersey Institute for Social Justice’s (NJISJ) Director of the Criminal Justice Reform Initiative, Andrea McChristian, who was announced as the Institute’s new Law and Policy Director. NJISJ’s Demelza Baer, formerly Senior Counsel and Director of Economic Mobility Initiative, has taken on a new role as Director of Public Policy at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights.
- Salvation and Social Justice has hired Gantry Fox as Police Accountability Organizer, and Reverend Lori Person Baynard as Director of Theology and Public Policy. Read more [here](#).
- New Jersey Policy Perspective hired a new Director of Research, Nicole Rodriguez, and promoted its Development Manager, Becca Compton, to Director of Development. Read more [here](#).
- Thomas K. Wright, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Plan Association, has been nominated to serve on the New Jersey State Planning Commission. Read more [here](#).

Events

- November 14th — [Arm in Arm lecture series Community Matters: Making Trenton Count](#)
- November 14th — [League of Women Voters End Gerrymandering with People-Powered Reforms](#)
- November 20th — [Anti-Poverty Network General Meeting](#)
- December 4th — [Center for Non-Profits 2019 NJ Non-Profit Conference](#)
- December 11th — New Jersey Immigrant Rights Annual Summit
- February 1st — [Latino Action Network 10th Annual Legislative Conference](#)

Job Announcements

- [Census 2020 Coalition Project Organizer](#), Advocates for Children of New Jersey
- [Executive Director](#), Latin American Legal Defense Fund
- [Policy and Resource Center Coordinator](#), New Jersey Future
- [Communications and Development Assistant](#), New Jersey Future
- [South Jersey Community Organizer](#), Faith in New Jersey
- [Policy and Program Internship](#), New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice
- [Community Engagement Manager](#), New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- [Senior Detention Attorney](#), American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program
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- [Housing Access Coordinator](#), Fair Share Housing Center

- [Director of Racial Justice Policy](#), Fair Share Housing Center

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