

- The Fund for New Jersey is proud to announce that for the fourth quarter of 2021, it has awarded grants in the total amount of \$460,000 to advance public policies in the areas of environmental justice, HIV/AIDs prevention, economic equity, and public media. Read the full press release [here](#).

Grantee News*Policy Victories:*

- On November 8, Governor Murphy signed legislation [S829](#) and [S830](#). S829 requires home sellers to disclose the presence of lead plumbing and lead service lines in their property disclosure documents. This law will allow potential home buyers to be well informed when buying a home. Bill S830 will require public water systems to offer free lead water testing during an action level exceedance or partial lead service line replacement. This new law will allow customers to have more robust water measures. The Fund for New Jersey grantee partners in the Lead-Free NJ coalition advocated for these protections.
- On December 7, Acting Attorney General Andrew J. Bruck announced a new law enforcement directive (2021-11) outlining the right to record police activity. Protecting First Amendment rights to observe, object to, and record police activity, the policy will allow for greater police accountability, improve transparency between the public and law enforcement, and promote anti-racist policing practices. The Fund grantees, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, ACLU-NJ, and partners advocated for this directive. Read more [here](#).
- On December 16, the Department of Human Services announced that the Excluded New Jerseyans Fund will receive an additional \$10 Million. The Excluded New Jerseyans Fund was designed to ensure that residents who suffered hardships during the pandemic without formal documentation, such as undocumented and low-income immigrants and former prisoners re-entering society, have access to COVID relief funds. The fund originally contained \$40 million and was set to expire at the end of the year but will now be extended to 2022. The Dept. of Human Services also increased benefit amounts to provide \$2,000 per eligible individual and a maximum of \$4,000 per household, up from \$1,000 and \$2,000, respectively. The Fund grantees Make the Road NJ, Wind of the Spirit, the NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice, and partners have strongly advocated for this program. Read more [here](#).
- On December 20, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) adopted the Advance Clean Trucks (ACT) rule, moving forward a regulatory path for electrifying commercial trucks ranging from delivery vans to tractor-trailers in the state. The rule requires a percentage of zero-emission sales for truck manufacturers, beginning with Model Year 2025 and increasing each year until 2035 when 55% of all new trucks will be electric.

After California, New Jersey was the first state to propose this rule which will significantly reduce climate and air pollutants from the transportation sector, setting precedent for other East Coast states to follow suit. Fund grantees Environment NJ Research and Policy Center, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, Tri-State Transportation Campaign, and members of the Jersey Renews coalition strongly advocated for this new regulation. Read more [here](#).

Policy Reports:

- Environment NJ Research and Policy Center released two complementary reports: *An Electric Vehicle Toolkit for Local Governments* and *Charge Local* and *A Guide to Installing EV Charging Stations for Municipalities*. The first report highlights tools and policies that cities have adopted to make buying and owning an EV more accessible. The second report provides in-depth information for municipalities looking to install charging stations. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).
- Fair Share Housing Center released its 2021 Impact report, which summarizes key accomplishments. For example, New Jersey was the first state to enact protections for individuals with prior criminal records on housing applications with the historic passage of the Fair Chance in Housing Act. Read more [here](#).
- Jersey Water Works, a collaborative convened by NJ Future released the report, *Lead in Drinking Water in Child Care Facilities: Ensuring the Future for New Jersey's Children*. The report provides a blueprint for permanently removing lead from state-regulated child care programs, including state licensed child care centers (CCC's) and family child care (FCH) homes that have voluntarily registered with the state. The report identifies 10 priority policy recommendations to protect young children from lead in drinking water in these facilities. Read more [here](#).

Leadership and Organizational Announcements

- Lucy Vandenberg, Senior Program Officer at The Fund for New Jersey, has been named the new Executive Director of the Schumann Fund for New Jersey, a role she assumed on January 3, 2022. Staff and Trustees of The Fund wish Lucy much success in her new role.
- Lupe (Sofia) Flores, 2018-2019 Philanthropy fellow, joined The Fund on December 13 as Program Officer. We welcome Lupe enthusiastically and look forward to (re-)introducing her to all of you. Lupe's email is lflores@fundfornj.org.

Job Announcements

- [Director of Development](#), New Jersey Institute for Social Justice
- [President/Co-Presidents](#), New Jersey Policy Perspective
- [Development Associate](#), NJ Conservation Foundation



- [People, Benefits, and Culture Manager](#), ACLU-NJ
- [Various Positions](#), NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice
- [Various Positions](#), NJ Citizen Action

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