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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$375,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](http://www.fundfornj.org) awarded \$375,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their September 2015 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [six organizations](#) in the areas of public education, civil rights & criminal justice, workforce development, and lead paint abatement education & advocacy.

[The Fund for New Jersey](http://www.fundfornj.org) 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.

Kiki Jamieson, President of The Fund for New Jersey, stated, “The Fund for New Jersey is pleased to support these dedicated organizations working at the forefront of public policy research, advocacy, and organizing in New Jersey. These non-profit organizations are leading the way in efforts to strengthen our public education system so that it works better for all students, to advance racial equality through the improvement of police practices and the fairness of New Jersey’s criminal justice policies, to develop policies that will address New Jersey’s high rates of long-term unemployment, and to advance policies to prevent and address lead poisoning that harms children in New Jersey’s cities.”

Grants awarded in September 2015 include:

Education

- A \$100,000 operating grant to [Education Law Center](#) to preserve and further enhance New Jersey’s strong public education system by advocating for fair school funding and advancing equity through initiatives such as preschool expansion, adequate facilities, and attention to reducing segregation.
- A \$50,000 operating grant to [Save Our Schools Community Organizing – New Jersey](#) to support engaged parents and community members advocating for high-quality public education for all children in New Jersey.

Civil Rights & Criminal Justice

- An \$85,000 operating grant to [American Civil Liberties Union – New Jersey](#) to further racial justice with a focus on transformative reform of both police practices and the overall criminal justice system including efforts to reduce incarceration.

Workforce Development

- A \$100,000 program grant to [John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development](#) to develop and demonstrate effective and efficient strategies for reducing long-term unemployment in New Jersey and to inform public policy.

Lead Paint Abatement

- A \$25,000 program grant to [Isles, Inc.](#) and a \$15,000 program grant to the [Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey](#) to work together to support policy changes that will prevent exposure to and reduce the impact of lead poisoning of children in New Jersey.

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