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## **The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$590,000 in Grants**

**Princeton, NJ** – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$590,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their March 2015 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [eleven organizations](#) in the areas of affordable housing, immigration, preschool expansion, public media, and budget.

[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 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 proud to support these effective organizations working to create lasting and meaningful change in New Jersey. These non-profit organizations are creating opportunities for affordable housing in communities near jobs, working to advance comprehensive immigration reform, building and mobilizing support for preschool expansion in New Jersey, creating a strong and vibrant public media sector, and advocating for state budget choices that foster opportunity for its most vulnerable residents.”

Grants awarded in March 2015 include:

### **Affordable Housing**

- A \$160,000 general operating grant to [Fair Share Housing Center](#) to expand the availability of affordable housing in geographic areas of opportunity.
- A \$100,000 general operating grant to the [Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey](#) to foster new affordable housing opportunities, direct resources to vulnerable populations in the Sandy recovery, and support neighborhood stabilization and revitalization.

- A \$20,000 general operating grant to [Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey](#) to increase the availability of supportive housing for people with special needs and to support the expansion of affordable housing in the state.

### **Immigration**

- An \$85,000 program grant to [American Friends Service Committee](#) to advance policies that foster fair and humane treatment of immigrants.
- A \$30,000 general operating challenge grant to [New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice](#) to advance policies that advance the rights and opportunities of immigrants in New Jersey.
- A \$37,500 general operating grant to [Faith in New Jersey](#) to advance comprehensive immigration reform including strong state and municipal policies that will improve opportunities for and integration of New Jersey's immigrant residents in their diverse communities, in partnership with Wind of the Spirit.
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### **Preschool Expansion**

- A \$45,000 program grant to [Advocates for Children of New Jersey](#) to expand preschool and to advance other policies that benefit low-income children and their families.
- A \$25,000 program grant to [Pre-K Our Way](#) to build and mobilize public support for preschool expansion in New Jersey.

### **Public Media**

- A \$25,000 general operating challenge grant to [NJ Spotlight](#) to support its commitment to ongoing coverage and analysis of policy issues related to public finance and politics.

### **Budget**

- A \$25,000 program grant to [Better Choices for New Jersey](#) to advocate for progressive budget policy and increased revenue generation in NJ and to increase government transparency and accountability.

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