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The Fund for New Jersey Awards \$630,000 in Grants

Princeton, NJ – The Trustees of [The Fund for New Jersey](#) awarded \$630,000 in grants to non-profit organizations at their March 2016 quarterly Board meeting. Grants were awarded to [eight organizations](#) in the areas of affordable housing, immigration, preschool expansion, and school segregation.

[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 policy organizations working to foster fairness and equity in New Jersey. These non-profit organizations are creating opportunities for affordable housing in communities near jobs and good schools, mobilizing support for preschool expansion in New Jersey, and working to end racial segregation in New Jersey’s school system in order to provide high quality educational opportunities for all children.”

“Particularly notable,” said Jamieson, “are the portfolio of four grants to nonprofit organizations working to make New Jersey a more welcoming and equitable place for immigrants. In these times of vitriolic and xenophobic discourse, these grantees are advancing immigrant-friendly state and local policies that will improve New Jersey. We at The Fund are proud to support their immigrant integration work.”



Grants awarded in March 2016 include:

Affordable Housing

- A \$160,000 general operating grant to [Fair Share Housing Center](#) to expand access to affordable housing in geographic areas of opportunity and to combat residential segregation.
- A \$100,000 general operating grant to the [Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey](#) to advance policies that expand access to affordable housing, combat homelessness, and prevent lead poisoning.

Immigration

- An \$75,000 program grant to [American Friends Service Committee](#) to advance policies to prevent detention of undocumented immigrants and to ensure more humane conditions of detention.
- A \$75,000 general operating challenge grant to [New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice](#) to build a strong statewide coalition to advance immigrant-friendly state and local policies in New Jersey.
- A \$37,500 general operating grant to [Faith in New Jersey](#) to advance strong state and municipal policies that will improve opportunities for New Jersey's immigrant residents, with a focus on expanding access to drivers' licenses; in partnership with Wind of the Spirit.
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Preschool Expansion

- A \$45,000 general operating grant to [Advocates for Children of New Jersey](#) to expand the availability of and access to preschool and to enact policies to reduce chronic absenteeism in order to improve academic performance.

School Segregation

- A \$100,000 program grant to the Center for Diversity and Equality in Education (CDEE) to support research and analysis by Rutgers Professor Emeritus Paul Tractenberg to foster integration in New Jersey's public school system in order to provide all students with a high-quality education.

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