



Press Forward New Jersey launches second South Jersey funding opportunity to strengthen local news and information

June 17, 2026 — Press Forward New Jersey (PFNJ), housed at the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium (NJCIC) and in partnership with the [Community Foundation of South Jersey](#), today announced the launch of its second South Jersey funding opportunity aimed at strengthening local news and information ecosystems in communities facing significant information gaps.

Building on the success of its inaugural South Jersey funding round, which awarded \$345,000 to 7 organizations across the region, the initiative will once again invest in community-rooted news and information providers serving Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Cumberland, Salem, Ocean, Atlantic, and Cape May counties.

Many communities throughout South Jersey continue to experience limited access to local news and civic information. These information gaps can reduce civic participation, limit access to critical resources, and make communities more vulnerable to misinformation.

“Last year’s investments demonstrated the tremendous demand for local news and information across South Jersey and the innovative ways community organizations are meeting those needs,” said Lisa A. Sahulka, Executive Director of the New Jersey Civic Information Consortium. “We’re excited to launch a second round of funding that will help organizations expand their reach, strengthen their sustainability, and ensure more residents have access to trusted information about the communities where they live.”

Through this initiative, Press Forward New Jersey seeks proposals from organizations working to strengthen local news and information in underserved communities. Funding may support newsroom development, staffing, infrastructure

improvements, revenue generation strategies, technology investments, and other efforts that help residents access reliable, fact-based information.

The initiative is administered in partnership with the Community Foundation of South Jersey and is made possible through support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Most grants will range from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Who Should Apply

Organizations that:

- Currently serve or seek to serve communities in Camden, Gloucester, Burlington, Cumberland, Salem, Ocean, Atlantic, or Cape May counties.
- Are committed to serving diverse populations, including historically marginalized and low-wealth communities.
- Have innovative or proven approaches to creating, expanding, or sustaining trusted local news and information.

Timeline

- June 17, 2026: Applications open
- July 10, 2026: Application deadline
- July-August 2026: Review and selection process
- September 2026: Grantee support period begins

Applications and additional information are available at njcivicinfo.org/grantmaking.

Apply Now!

About Press Forward New Jersey: [Press Forward New Jersey](#), local chapter of the national Press Forward movement, is a collaboration of the [New Jersey Civic Information Consortium](#) and the [Community Foundation of New Jersey \(CFNJ\)](#) to encourage the New Jersey philanthropic community to support local news and civic engagement, ensuring that every community in New Jersey has access to critical information and a vibrant media ecosystem.

About Press Forward: *Press Forward is a national movement to strengthen our democracy by revitalizing local news and information. A coalition of funders is investing more than \$500 million over five years to strengthen local newsrooms, close longstanding gaps in journalism coverage, advance public policy that expands access to local news, and to scale the infrastructure the sector needs to thrive. For more, visit pressforward.news.*