

FAIR FIGHT BOND FUND

The Fair Fight Bond Fund is a community fund in the State of Washington that supports with paying bonds for persons detained by immigration authorities.

Who can apply?

Anyone detained by United States immigration authorities in any part of the country who has had a bond set that they do not have resources to pay. We will give priority to people detained in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest or who have connections to Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.

Priority Considerations

We believe that nobody should be detained and that detention is unjust and dangerous. However, due to limited resources, we cannot cover every request that we receive.

We will give priority to people who face exacerbated vulnerabilities in detention due to any of the following situations:

- People with **serious physical or mental health disabilities**, chronic illnesses, pregnancy, or in need of urgent medical attention;
- **Primary caretakers of dependents**—particularly minors, elders, and/or people with serious disabilities or chronic illnesses—who are facing immediate hardship due to the applicant's detention;
- People who **identify as queer or transgender**;
- People who **face exacerbated vulnerabilities in detention** based on their gender, HIV status, sexuality, language, faith, or other identity factors;
- People who have been **detained for more than 3 months** by any federal, state, or local law enforcement agency;

Request support at [Fairfightbondfund.org/apply](https://fairfightbondfund.org/apply) or by calling WAISN Hotline.

All of the money in the Fund comes from community-driven fundraising initiatives and donations.

Support WAISN's deportation defense work by donating today: [Fairfightbondfund.org/donate](https://fairfightbondfund.org/donate)

Our Impact:

Since December of 2018, we have helped 76 people get free from immigration detention. In total, as of May 2022, we have paid over \$720,000 in bonds.

- In the last 2 years, 1 in 6 of the people we have helped free from detention identify as LGBTQ+.
- We have bonded out people detained in 9 detention centers in 7 states.
- We have supported people coming from 22 different countries:
- The average amount for a single bond is \$9,600.
- The average number of days spent in detention is 175.
- When someone is released from detention, they are 8 times more likely to have a positive outcome in their immigration case.



ORGANIZING A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAIR FIGHT BOND FUND

- Establish your goals for the event. Set your goal to be meaningful, yet achievable.
- Determine whether your event will be virtual or in person. If the event is in person, find a location and determine the event type.* If the event will be virtual, decide on the format of the event and the technology tools that you will use. Some examples of virtual fundraisers include:
 - Virtual house party;
 - One-day online flash fundraiser;
 - Donation matching drive;
 - Live performances or content streaming;
 - Live virtual auction;
 - Online trivia or quiz;
 - A virtual run-, walk-, read-, bike-, dance-a-thon;
 - Speaker, panel, Q&A, or interview;
 - Paint & Sip; Cooking class; or other similar activity;
 - Birthday or holiday fundraiser.
- Decide who is on your event planning team, what the roles will be, if you will need a budget to cover the event overhead costs, and the event planning schedule.
- Contact the Fair Fight Bond Fund Coordinator for support and to share updates.
- Set a date and time. We recommend that most live or in-person events not last more than two hours. The bigger the event, the longer timeframe you should have between the start of the planning and the final date.
- Brainstorm a list of potential guests. Be thoughtful about whom you are inviting and why you are inviting them to this event. If this will be a larger and more public event, consider who your target audience will be.
- Decide whether the money will come from:
 - Ticket sales (If so, determine the cost of the ticket);
 - Stuff that you are going to sell at the event;
 - Cash and/or check donations;
 - Online or digital giving.
- Set up all the tools and technology you will need for your event, including for registration, donations, recording or streaming, etc. Don't forget to consider visuals, sound, lighting, and accessibility.
- Invite people to attend. For more public events, promote the event on various platforms. Send reminders, using different mediums to contact invitees.
- Plan your program or agenda. How will you engage the audience?
- Do a "test run" as close as possible to ensure everything will function properly.
- During the event, make an ASK that is short, meaningful, and connected to the issue. Tell a real story that paints a picture of what you are asking for. Remind your audience that the people we are talking about are mothers, fathers, siblings, daughters, and sons who are connected to the fabric of our reality. Remind the audience that all of our struggles are connected and that our liberation is connected to the liberation of others.
- Report back to share your successes and share some pictures with the Fair Fight Bond Fund.
- Don't forget to thank participants no later than five days after the event.