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 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

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

Planning

What meaningful yet achievable goal(s) do you want to achieve with your event?

Who is on your event planning team and what are their roles?

Will your event be in person or virtual?
- If the event is in person, find a location and determine the event type. For in-person events, please follow any public health restrictions and recommendations in your area.
- 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 or virtual class or activity
  - 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

Are there any overhead costs for the event you need to budget for?

When will your event be?
- 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.

Who's on the guest list?
- Be thoughtful about who 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.

How will you receive donations?
- Consider: ticket sales, sales, cash or check donations, online, or digital giving

What are all the tools and technology you need to be successful?
- Registration, payment processing, recording, streaming, visuals, sound, lighting, accessibility

How are you sending out your invitations and publicizing your event?

Please connect with us for support and to share updates during the planning process: development@waisn.org

Program

- What’s on your program or agenda?
- How will you engage the audience?
- When will you do a “test-run”?
- How will you make your ASK for donations?

Post-Event

- Report back to share your successes and share some pictures with us at development@waisn.org.
- Don’t forget to thank participants no later than five days after the event.