



WHO WE ARE

The Fair Fight Bond Fund is the only community-sourced immigration bond fund based in Washington state and the Pacific Northwest paying to release people from the violence and injustice that is immigration detention. We exist to provide hope and comprehensive support to detained immigrants with the goal of freeing people from detention and reuniting them with their loved ones as we work toward a larger vision of eliminating detention centers altogether.

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY-SOURCED SOLIDARITY

All of the money in the Fund comes from community-driven fundraising initiatives and donations from individuals and organizations who **fundraise in solidarity** against predatory private bond companies and state-sanctioned violence as a practice of mutual aid, economic justice, and community self-defense. Since December 2018, hundreds of volunteers and donors—**with an average donation of \$25**—have come together to help us pay more than \$1 million in bonds to free over 124 of our community members from immigration detention.

BEYOND BORDERS

In addition to the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington, we have paid bond for people detained in 14 other detention centers across the country. The people we have helped free come from 35 countries, speak 21 languages, and live in 27 states, including in 8 counties in Washington state.

INTERRUPTING THE DEPORTATION PIPELINE

The people we have supported spend an average of 175 days separated from their loved ones and in dangerous and deadly conditions behind bars. Most bonds are thousands of dollars—**the average amount for a single bond is \$8,500**—a huge sum of money that most can't afford to pay and that determines if a loved one is safe at home or in a cage. When someone is released from detention, they are able to reunite with their loved ones and are 8 times more likely to have a positive outcome in their immigration case.

BE A PART OF THIS WORK: FAIRFIGHTBONDFUND.ORG/DONATE

OUR IMPACT

In June 2022, we received notice that Rixio—a young man whose \$20,000 bond we paid for in November of 2021—had **won his asylum case**. He was very eager to share his story and gratitude. Rixio shared with our team how difficult it was to be detained and that he would not have been released had it not been for the Fair Fight Bond Fund.

With the closing of Rixio's immigration case, the Fair Fight Bond Fund was able to get a **refund** of the \$20,000 we paid for his bond. Rixio said: "I am very happy that the money will be able to help others."



"The bond was too high but you made it possible. I am very grateful to all the people who supported me. My story was a miracle and you had a big part in the victory." - Rixio

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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

HOW TO APPLY

Request support at **fairfightbondfund.org/apply** or by calling the **WAISN Hotline** at **1-844-724-3737**.

HOW IT WORKS

All of the money in the Fund comes from **community-driven fundraising initiatives and donations** as individuals and organizations in the community fundraise in solidarity against predatory private bond companies and state-sanctioned violence as a practice of mutual aid, economic justice, and community self-defense.

The payment of the bond is made without any condition on the person we support, either at the time the bond is paid or in the future. You will **NOT be required to repay** all of the money nor are you required to pay a percentage of the amount paid.

Immigration officials will issue a refund to us for bond money paid after a person's immigration case is complete if the person follows all of their case requirements. **Any money refunded to us will go towards future bonds for others**. However, we do not require or expect anything from the people we pay bond for. We believe in the dignity and autonomy of each person and respect the decisions you make in your case, even if that means that we will not recover the money paid for your bond.







ORGANIZING A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR THE FAIR FIGHT BOND FUND (FFBF) Email development@waisn.org to learn more!

GET CREATIVE & HAVE FUN!

• Ideas for in-person fundraisers



- Host a house party!
- Work with a local restaurant or bar to donate a portion of the evening or day proceeds
- Host a WAISN Know Your Rights watch party and pass a donation jar afterward
- Ideas for virtual fundraisers



- Virtual house party or virtual class or activity
- One-day online flash fundraiser
- Donation matching drive
- Live virtual action

- Put a donation jar in your office break room
- Organize your congregation, hiking group, knitting group, book club, PTA, or other circles you are part of
- Live performances or content streaming
- Online trivia or quiz
- A virtual run-, walk-, read-, bike-, dance-athon
- Speaker, panel, Q&A, or interview

PLANNING TIPS & CONSIDERATIONS

- What meaningful yet achievable goal(s) do you want to achieve with your event?
- How will you tell the story of the FFBF? Do you need one-pagers to share?
- Who is on your event planning team and what are their roles?
- Where will your event be located, or in the case of a virtual event, what platform will you use (email, a Zoom event, etc.)
- Budget: 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.
- Who's on the guest list? Be thoughtful about who you are inviting and why you are inviting them to this event. How are you sending out your invitations and publicizing your event?
- How will you receive donations? Consider: ticket sales, sales, cash or check donations, online, or digital giving.
- How will you document the event? Photos and stories that tell of the social impact of your event will inspire others to host a fundraiser!
- After the event: Report back to share your successes and share some pictures via our WAISN reporting form! Thank participants within 5 days of the event.

The WAISN Development Team is here to answer your questions and support you to make your event a success!