

## Immigrant Bond Fund Kicks Off Fundraising Campaign

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Illegal immigrants arrested in workplace raids can now access a fund to help them post bond.

The National Immigrant Bond Fund launched its national debut and fundraising campaign on today in Silver Spring, Maryland. Founder Bob Hildreth said the goal is to raise \$500,000.

Through the fund, illegal immigrants arrested in raids who do not have any outstanding criminal violations can apply for financial assistance. Churches, legal organizations or community groups help facilitate their requests. The fund provides half the bail money and immigrants must pony up the rest.

The fund has already been tapped into following a few raid several raids across the county.

The fund was formalized three months ago. Hildreth says it's helped bail out about 100 people so far, and all of those cases are pending.

To access more information, go to: [www.immigrantbondfund.org/nibf/main/default.aspx](http://www.immigrantbondfund.org/nibf/main/default.aspx).