

Exoneration...Now What?

There are times when our criminal justice system wrongly convicts people.

Their cases are being brought back to courts in order to gain their release and exoneration.

However, their release is just the "first step".



The Connecticut Innocence Fund

**Bridging The
Transition to Freedom**

**Exonerees need a
source of income so
they can rebuild their
lives as soon as they
leave prison.**

**The Connecticut
Innocence Fund**



The State of Connecticut will provide each exoneree financial compensation for being wrongly imprisoned.

Unfortunately, it is a long process that can take YEARS.

Learn How You Can Help NOW!

**The Connecticut Bar Foundation
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In Coordination With:

**The Connecticut Bar Foundation
Community Partners in Action
The Connecticut Innocence
Project**

What We Do

The Connecticut Innocence Fund is the first of its kind in the United States to provide short term financial relief to newly released exonerees. Recent exonerees spent between 15 and 25 years in prison before they were found innocent by new evidence.

The Fund will provide bridge loans to the exonerees to assist them with their immediate needs until they are awarded compensation by the State.



Eligibility for a bridge loan is determined by the Fund's Advisory Committee. Loans may be for:

- Clothing
- Rental security deposit and initial rent
- Transportation
- Household furnishings

Donations are tax deductible and will be held in a separate account at the Connecticut Bar Foundation. The interest-free loans are administered by Community Partners in Action and repaid by exonerees once they receive their compensation.

Lead Organizations

The Connecticut Bar Foundation

Since 1952, The Connecticut Bar Foundation has worked with judges, attorneys, and law schools to promote understanding and improvement of the law, legal institutions and the legal profession. The Foundation administers programs benefiting legal services agencies that provide access to justice for all Connecticut residents.

Community Partners in Action

For over 135 years, Community Partners in Action has been a leader in Connecticut's criminal justice system. Their programs are rooted in the belief that "people can change." Helping adult and youth offenders make dramatic life changes helps to reduce recidivism and enhances public safety.

About The Connecticut Innocence Project

The Connecticut Innocence Project is an office of the State of Connecticut Public Defender Services. The Project is a member of the international Innocence Project Network. Their mission is to isolate cases of incarcerated individuals who have been convicted of crimes for which they are innocent, and seek their exoneration.

The Project reviews and develops new evidence, both DNA and non-DNA, to establish innocence and is assisted by law enforcement, forensic scientists, pro bono counsel, librarians, clerks and others. The Project is housed in McCarter & English, the firm that provides extensive pro bono assistance for the Project.

How You Can Help NOW!

**Make your check payable to:
The Connecticut Innocence Fund**

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Contributor (up to \$999) \$ _____

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Thank You!