

Home-Group Contributions Guide

A.A.'s far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our A.A. adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die. "Now where do A.A.'s services—worldwide, area, local—fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters [now the General Service Office] to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe.. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill." Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

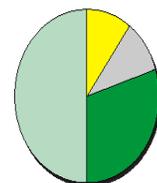
Where Does Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office suggest a group should donate and how much should they donate?

1. The first expense a group should pay is its own expenses. In each pay period your group should cover all of its personal expenses before you contribute to other levels of AA service. Make sure rent and supplies are taken care of.
2. After all your groups' required and essential expenses are taken care of, it is important to disperse the rest of your funds as suggested in F-3 "Self Support Where Money and Spirituality Mix", to all levels of area service. Below are the different areas of A.A. service and directions on how to contribute.
 - a. **Buffalo Area A.A. Central Office** - located at 111 Crocker St. (Franklin Door), Sloan, NY 14212 -Total recommended contribution: 50% of funds after rent and expenses have been paid.
 - b. **Western New York General Service Assembly** - 5999 S Park Ave, Suite 103 Hamburg, NY 14075. Total recommended contribution: 20% of funds after rent and expenses have been paid.
 - c. **General Service Office (World Office)** - Online at AA.ORG or send to A.A. World Services, Inc. P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Total recommended contribution: 30% of funds after rent and expenses have been paid.

(F-3)Self-Support; Where Money & Spirituality Mix

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With the realization that A.A. must steer clear of outside contributions in order to maintain its autonomy and independence came the understanding that the money necessary for A.A.'s survival would have to come from individual A.A. members and groups. As Bill W. put it in 1957, "Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility — one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid.



10% to district
10% to area committee
30% to G.S.O.
50% to intergroup or central office