

# **GUIDE FOR GR DECISION-MAKING OF BEQUEST APPLICATIONS**

## **(HOW THE BEQUEST PROCESS WORKS)**

Any Massachusetts AI-Anon member may propose a service project using our Bequest Fund.

They first complete an Application and give it to the Bequest Work Group. The Work Group works with them to ensure the Application Form is accurate, complete, and consistent with our Traditions.

It is then presented and reviewed by our Steering Committee followed by the AWSC (Area meeting). After all feedback is processed, the application is finalized by the applicants and presented at the Assembly.

At this point it cannot be changed. You may vote to accept it as is or not.

*These applications have been prepared by members and districts based on their knowledge of their own local situations and needs. This reflects their autonomy. Each link of service has the opportunity to focus on their own experience.*

*The applicants have put much thought in to this process. We ask you to remember to presume good will.*

## **(GUIDELINES FOR GRs)**

The links to the applications were sent out in advance. Although, we will summarize them at the Assembly, we hope you have had the opportunity to read them in full.

These questions may help you assess the proposals. There are no right and wrong answers to the questions. They are meant to give you food for thought.

- How many groups or people would be impacted?
- Does this proposal align with any existing goals of the Area?
- Are there people or entities ready to carry out the proposal? How many will be involved?
- How long will the proposal take to accomplish?
- How complicated/difficult is the implementation?
- Is the overall cost of the proposal a prudent use of available funds?

We hope this will help you decide whether the project has enough support to see it through; whether the impact of the project is worth the cost; or whether it is a balanced

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and fair use of the Area's money. However you decide to evaluate the application, the vote becomes our Area's Group Conscience.

The time allotted to these proposals at the Assembly is limited. We encourage you to submit any questions or comments to us in advance so that we may efficiently provide the proper answers. Please email us at [Bequest@alanonma.org](mailto:Bequest@alanonma.org). Thank you!

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(COMMENTARY ONLY)

Purpose of Statement

To have a summary message read before Bequest application voting that is the same at every Assembly

Applicable Legacies and policies are appended to Application Form.