



# PROPOSAL FOR A PROJECT TO BENEFIT AL-ANON /ALATEEN FAMILY GROUPS IN MASSACHUSETTS

## Overview

Through the generosity of Al-Anon members, Al-Anon Family Groups of Mass, Inc. can be named as a beneficiary in their wills. Per the By-Laws of AFG of Mass Inc. the use of these funds is described in *Bequests from Al-Anon members to Al-Anon Family Groups of Massachusetts, Inc. Principles and Policy* as approved by the Area Assembly 5/21/22. [see 10. Appendix1]

At the Area Assembly on 10/15/22 procedures were approved to guide the process for this. This document includes the **Criteria for Assessing Proposals at this end of this document.** [see 11. Appendix2]

Please review these documents as you consider ideas that will support and encourage current and future members of all ages.

**After your Group, District or Area Committee has discussed** and developed your idea(s), please complete this form and submit it following the instructions at the end.

Consider these points:

- How does project help fulfill our primary purpose to help families and friends of alcoholics?
- Does the project reflect the principles within the Legacies?
- Does the project reflect spiritual principles such as abundance, acceptance, equality, gratitude, hope, trust, unity, mutual respect, attraction not promotion, responsibility, prudence etc.?

## Application

**Group/District/Area Committee submitting this proposal.**

**[note: this must be a link of service within Massachusetts]**

Group or District number and location:	District 1 & 2 & 3 (Cape Cod and the Islands)
Area Committee:	Outreach/Public Information

**Primary Contact person:**

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Service Position (if applicable):	Pam L. (GR and Secretary District 2) Jae F. (District 1 Representative) Cathy P. (GR District 3)
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## Project Name



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Public Outreach Table Display

### Project Description (be as detailed as you can)

Districts 1,2 & 3 are looking to purchase a tabletop display (includes pull-up screen, blue tablecloth and Al-Anon logo table runner) to be used at professional and public outreach events. The tabletop display will consist of a pull-up screen, tablecloth, and runner with the Al-Anon logo.

Rationale for request: Annually Districts 1,2, & 3 participate in a nation-wide Symposium on Cape Cod reaching close to 2,000 professionals who are interested in learning more about the causes and treatment of alcoholism. The Symposium is one of four across the country and is a premier educational event for Addiction Treatment and Behavioral Health professionals.

With a professional display, more groups will participate in local outreach events sharing the Al-Anon message of hope to friends and families of alcoholics. Currently there is ample outreach materials and a lending library of Al-Anon/Alateen books to be used at public outreach events. The events will be determined by the availability of Al-Anon volunteers in collaboration with local groups such as AA to attend their conventions, High Schools to attend their Community Resource fairs (with AMIAS support), and Health Agencies at their community Wellness fairs. The professional tabletop display will provide a more professional and inviting look.

The table display will be housed in a secure location of a trusted servant GR in District 2. Tracking of the display will be done by the secretary of District 2.

### Al-Anon/Alateen Legacies

#### Which Al-Anon/Alateen Legacies are reflected in your project?

Step 12: Carrying the Al-Anon and Alateen message to others .

Tradition 5: Helping families and friends of alcoholics by raising awareness of professionals and the public through the Symposium and other local events.

Tradition 11: Sharing the message of Al-Anon/Alateen through attraction and not promotion.

### Project Reach

#### Describe how many members (potential members), groups or districts might be expected to benefit.

Districts 1, 2 & 3 support close to 40 active groups covering 15 towns on the Cape Cod and the Islands. All groups will be able to benefit by having an easily accessible professional table display for use at public outreach events.

#### Will neighboring groups or districts also participate in the project or be expected to benefit?

##### Please identify:

It is possible that District 4 could benefit as some towns are near to Cape Cod.



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**Will you be reaching out to anyone in the professional community? (Clergy, counselors, educators, law enforcement, etc.)**

Not in near future

## Project Planning and Implementation

**How many members within your Group/District/Area Committee are actively involved in the planning of the project?**

3-5

**Estimate how many members will be involved in the implementation.**

We anticipate at least half of the groups District 1, 2 & 3 will participate in attending public outreach events.

**Who will lead the project?**

District Reps with District 2 Secretary being the POC for this proposal request

**What links of service will provide support, oversight, and decision making? If you need assistance, the Bequest Committee will help with this.**

District Reps, Area outreach coordinator and some group reps.

## Alateens

**If Alateens are directly participating in the project, who are the AMIAS involved?**

District 2 has started an Alateen meeting at Barnstable High school. There is also an Alateen meeting in Brewster MA. As we look to attract more students to Alateen we hope to attend public outreach events for students in the Barnstable area. The Amias involved are: Jim C, Michelle S, and Julianna.

**If prospective Alateens are the focus of the project, how will AMIAS be assisting?**

At the public outreach events for students, AMIAS could volunteer at the tables.



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## Cost of Project

Overall expected cost:

\$400.00

Please describe how you arrived at this total?

It is the cost of the pull up screen plus a bit extra that to purchase a blue tablecloth and Al-anon logo runner.

Pease provide details of estimates you have from any outside vendors. Ex: printing of a banner for Public Outreach event, cost of billboard, printing of posters to distribute, cost of CAL that will be used (including P&H), cost of mailing CAL, formal proposals from any outside vendor or professional consultant, etc.,

See above

Will seed money be needed prior to launch of the project?

Please describe.

No

## Timeline

When would you like to begin this project?

Include actual dates if appropriate or describe a time span the project would cover.

We hope to be approved at the Fall 2025 Assembly so that we can obtain the Tabletop display by January 2026



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Bequest Work Group is available for assistance in completing this Proposal.  
Please contact [Bequest@alanonma.org](mailto:Bequest@alanonma.org).

Please submit via email to [Bequest@alanonma.org](mailto:Bequest@alanonma.org).

Date submitted:

6/20/2025

*In submitting this proposal, the members involved understand that all requests will be held in confidence by the Bequest Work Group throughout the approval process. Additional information may be requested, and suggestions may be offered. The Group Conscience decision of each reviewing link of service (Bequest Work Group, Steering Committee, AWSC, Assembly) will be independent and respected. If approved, any unspent funding will be returned to the Area within one month of end of project.*

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## For Bequest Work Group

Date received by Bequest Work Group: 6/17/2025

Date acknowledged by Bequest Work Group: 6/21/2025

Date Bequest Work Group submits for Steering Committee review: 8/8/2025

Response from Steering Committee: 8/19/2025

Date of presentation to AWSC: 9/7/2025

Date of presentation to Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of final approval: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Appendix 1

### Bequests from Al-Anon members to Al-Anon Family Groups of Massachusetts, Inc. Principles and Policy

Approved by Area Steering Committee: \_

Approved by Area World Service Committee: \_

Approved by Area Assembly: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Principles

1. Policies of AFG of MA will be based on the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual. (Article III of the By-Laws)]
2. By-Laws of Al-Anon Family Groups of Massachusetts, Inc [as revised Nov 3, 1990] Article IX. Finance, Section 5. Individual Contributions/Bequests. " Individual contributions and bequests to AFG of MA, Inc. are accepted as defined for the WSO in the Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual at the time the contribution is received." (note: this Policy was created based on 2018-2021 version two pgs 103-104)
3. Tradition Four "Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting another group or Al-Anon or AA as a whole."
4. Tradition Six "Our Family Groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary spiritual aim. Although a separate entity, we should always co-operate with Alcoholics Anonymous.
5. Tradition Seven "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."
6. Tradition Twelve "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities."
7. Concept One " The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.
8. Warranty One "Sufficient operating funds, including an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle."

#### Policy

1. AFG of MA may accept a one-time bequest from an Al-Anon member's estate or trust in any amount.
2. Bequest amounts, up to 10% of the total revenue of AFG of MA "General fund" as identified in the previous year's MA Tax Return (Gross Support and Revenue), will be placed in the operating account. See example below.
3. Any excess amount (above the 10% as described above) will be held in a separate account and be reported on monthly.
4. Expenditures from this account will be authorized by the Assembly via approval of the Annual budget or approval of a specific project, and monitored by the Steering Committee.
5. Excess amounts are not available for general purposes, unless authorized by the Assembly.
6. There will be no public acknowledgment of the gift and the gift may not be earmarked for specific purposes by the donor.



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## Example using the bequest received on [date]:

Bequest Amount:

2020 MA Tax Return, Gross Support & Revenue: 10% of MA Tax Return Revenue:

Amount to be placed in the operating account: Excess funds from the bequest:

Funds subject to Assembly authorization:

Funds reported on separately:

\$85,841.85 \$124,874 \$12,487.40 \$12,487.40 \*\* \$73,354.45 \$73,354.45 \$73,354.45

\*\* All expenditures from the operating account are determined by the Annual Budget approved by the Assembly.

## Appendix 2

### Criteria for Assessing Proposals

#### Requirements:

The proposal must meet these criteria to be moved forward. If it does not meet these criteria, then it will be returned to the applicant for discussion.

1. The applicant must be a member of a meeting in Area 25, or part of the service structure of Area 25.
2. The project must primarily benefit members or potential members residing within Area 25.
3. The proposal must reflect Al-Anon Legacies.

#### Criteria for Evaluation:

The Bequest Work Group will consider Tradition Seven and Concepts Three, Four, Nine and Ten as they review all proposals.

The following criteria are used to help assess impact, practicality, and cost of the proposals. They may help determine the possibility of the success of the project. They may help an assessment of whether this is a prudent use of funds (as we are financial stewards). They may be useful if it becomes necessary to choose between projects (e.g., if funds become low). These criteria may become part of presenting the proposals to the Assembly.

- 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?
- Does the proposal require multiple steps or actions that would make implementation difficult?
- Is the overall cost of the proposal a prudent use of available funds?