



Al-Anon Family Groups of Massachusetts

Help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics

Guidance to Group* Treasurers and All Members: Donation Distributions

Tradition 7: Every group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions

Suggested Donation Distributions for Groups

Al-Anon Family Groups of Massachusetts, Inc. (AFG of Mass, Inc.) Area World Service Committee, makes the following suggestions on how to distribute excess from your treasures. When your group's other expenses have been met, consider sending:

- 10% to your District
- 60% to the AFG of Mass., Inc., Area Office
- 30% to the World Service Office (WSO)

For group budgeting guidance and a template, refer to the other side of this sheet. The following information will aid your group in sharing financial support to your District, Area, and the WSO. Always include your Group, District, and Area number so the donations can be properly applied.

<p>District Donation (10%) Contact your DR to make this donation</p> <p>Area Donation (60%) AFG of Mass., Inc. 57 East Main St., Suite 109 Westborough, MA 01581-1457</p>	<p>WSO Donation (30%) AFG Headquarters, Inc. 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617</p>
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<p>Other Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate extra amounts when your treasury allows • Raise additional funds at Group Sponsored meetings or special events • Make memorial donations – any group may make a donation in memory of someone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up bequests – contact office for information • Send to Area 25 to defray the expense of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delegate \$30/year/group suggested ○ Public Outreach – Inst/Public Information ○ Alateen
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Please Note

- Al-Anon Family Groups of Mass., Inc., has no legal or financial ties to individual meetings and has no control over them. Our Tax ID number is not available for groups to use. We meet the requirements for incorporation in the Commonwealth of Mass. and the U.S. Government as a not-for-profit educational organization. Our ID is only used for AFG of Mass., Inc. business.
- Holding funds, beyond the needs of the upcoming month or so, is not suggested. Many groups and districts do not use bank accounts at all and trusted servants either use their own accounts to write checks through or use money orders.
- The Al-Anon / Alateen Service Manual, along with readings on Traditional Six and Seven, Concept One, and the General Warranties will help you and your group to be able to make informed group consciences decisions about this issue. Discussing it at your District meetings will also be helpful.
- As a 501(c)(3) organization, AFG of Mass., Inc. is the only local service arm that is eligible to issue receipts to individual members for personal donations. Speak with your tax preparer to see if these can be deductible on your tax return. Please refer to AFG of Mass., Inc. By-Laws for information on the maximum limits for personal donations and bequests.

*This document provides guidance for group donations. For guidance about personal donations, please contact the AFG of Mass., Inc. office at the information listed in the header.