

## Group Finances/Budget

In keeping with Tradition Seven, a group's membership is the source of its funds. Assistance from sources outside of Al-Anon or Alateen violates this Tradition. Members who cannot afford to contribute should not be pressed. There are no dues or fees to attend Al-Anon or Alateen meetings.

Most groups prefer not to accumulate money beyond current needs and a small reserve with just enough funds to pay the GR expenses to Assembly and group expenses for a couple of months.

This can be decided by making an informed group conscience decision. Having a budget for expenses that includes contributions to the District, local Al-Anon Information Service, Area Assembly, and World Service Office may be helpful.

Group expenses may include:

1. Rent (may include utilities and insurance) for a meeting place
2. Group Representative's expenses to attend and participate at district, Information Service (Intergroup), and Area Assembly meetings.
3. Conference Approved Literature, including Al-Anon and Alateen books and pamphlets for sale to members. Most groups offer lower-priced pamphlets and leaflets to newcomers and members at no charge
4. Refreshments, and equipment for preparing and serving them
5. Miscellaneous costs, such as placing ads, telephone listing, photocopying
6. Other expenses as requested by the group conscience
7. The group supports Al-Anon/Alateen financially at all levels of service by contributing to: District, Information Service, and World Service Area (state/province) structure that serves the group.
8. The World Service Office, which serves all groups (in keeping with Tradition Seven, support of the World Service Office is the responsibility of all Al-Anon members, groups, and service arms.)\*

*Quoted from:*

*Al-Anon Alateen Service Manual 2010-2013, Pgs.53-54*