

HAWAII AREA 17 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET NARRATIVE

Priority of Spending	Amount	Note:
#1 Delegate Expenses	\$12,550	\$1,800 plus \$7,200 for requested and supplemental General Service Conference contribution to cover delegates estimated expenses for flight and hotel (GSC voted to raise requested amount to \$2,200 beginning 2024, but budget was already done and supplemental included in budget so same total amount), 2 extras nights hotel to because of long travel, meals and expenses outside of conference.
#2 Area Assemblies & Committee Meetings Expenses	\$18,160	Airfare for Officers & Standing Committee Chairs calculated by average cost per flight so far, prices are down considerably as there is now more competition for interisland travel, registrations (seed money) for Officers & Chairs at \$35 per. Assistance for DCMs to travel to area events budgeted at \$500.
#3 Standing Committee Expenses	\$6,570	Covers expenses for committee activities across the islands, literature, workshops, etc. Started with 2023 budget amounts and consulted with SCC to determine if more/less needed. Also includes sending the Alternate Delegate & Alternate Chair, both members of the Convention Steering Committee to the Hawaii Area Convention for 3 days. Standing Committee Chairs can request the Finance Committee to increase their budget if needed.
#4 Hawaii Area Operating Expenses	\$7,759	All ongoing costs of doing business, computers and other tech needs, PO box & postage, archives storage, office supplies, tax preparation & licensing fees, website, hotspot, two Google Voice numbers, shared Zoom license, etc.
#5 Service Events	\$6,675	Support to send the Delegate and Chair to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) that happens each year and to Pacific Regional Forum every even year, expenses for the Delegate to attend International Convention every 5 years (this amount is divided and accrued over each 5-year period). Four hotel nights are paid for PRAASA & Forum and 5 for International. Trustee visit expenses paid when Trustee visits (usually comes for Orientation Assembly at the beginning of each panel).

As written in the Hawai'i Area Structure and Guidelines, the Finance Committee is responsible for monitoring the budget and making recommendations for any adjustments throughout the year. The budget and Area service work are supported by the 7th tradition contributions of Hawaii Area 17.

SELF-SUPPORT

“The 7th Tradition states: “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

“While contributions cover each group’s rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in Unity with AA groups around the world.”

Service material from the General Service Office