Income and Expenses: Excess Funds

Southern California World Service (SCWS)
August 15, 2026 Area World Service Committee (AWSC)
Presented by the Area Co-Treasurers

Group Funds

INCOME: MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

EXPENSES

- Rent/electronic platform fees, Group Rep's expenses, Information Service Rep's expenses, CAL literature, refreshments, babysitting, public outreach, etc.
- Small ample reserve (2 months)

EXCESS FUNDS
Distributed to

WSO | Area/SCWS | District | AIS Office

District Funds

INCOME:
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

EXPENSES

- Rent/electronic platform fees, District Rep's expenses, CAL literature, refreshments, public outreach, workshop expenses, etc.
- Small ample reserve

EXCESS FUNDS
Distributed to

- WSO
- Area/SCWS
- AIS Office

Area/SCWS Funds

INCOME:
GROUP, DISTRICT & CONVENTION CONTRIBUTIONS

EXPENSES

- Liability insurance for all Area-registered groups
- Translation equipment for Spanish-speaking members/Interpreter
- Alateen and AMIAS expenses
- One year ample reserve

- Rent/electronic platform fees, Area meeting expenses, AWSC, some GR expenses, hospitality, CAL literature, public outreach, workshop expenses, technology/software, Delegate expenses, SWRDM, storage unit, etc.

EXCESS FUNDS
Distributed to

WSO

WSO Funds

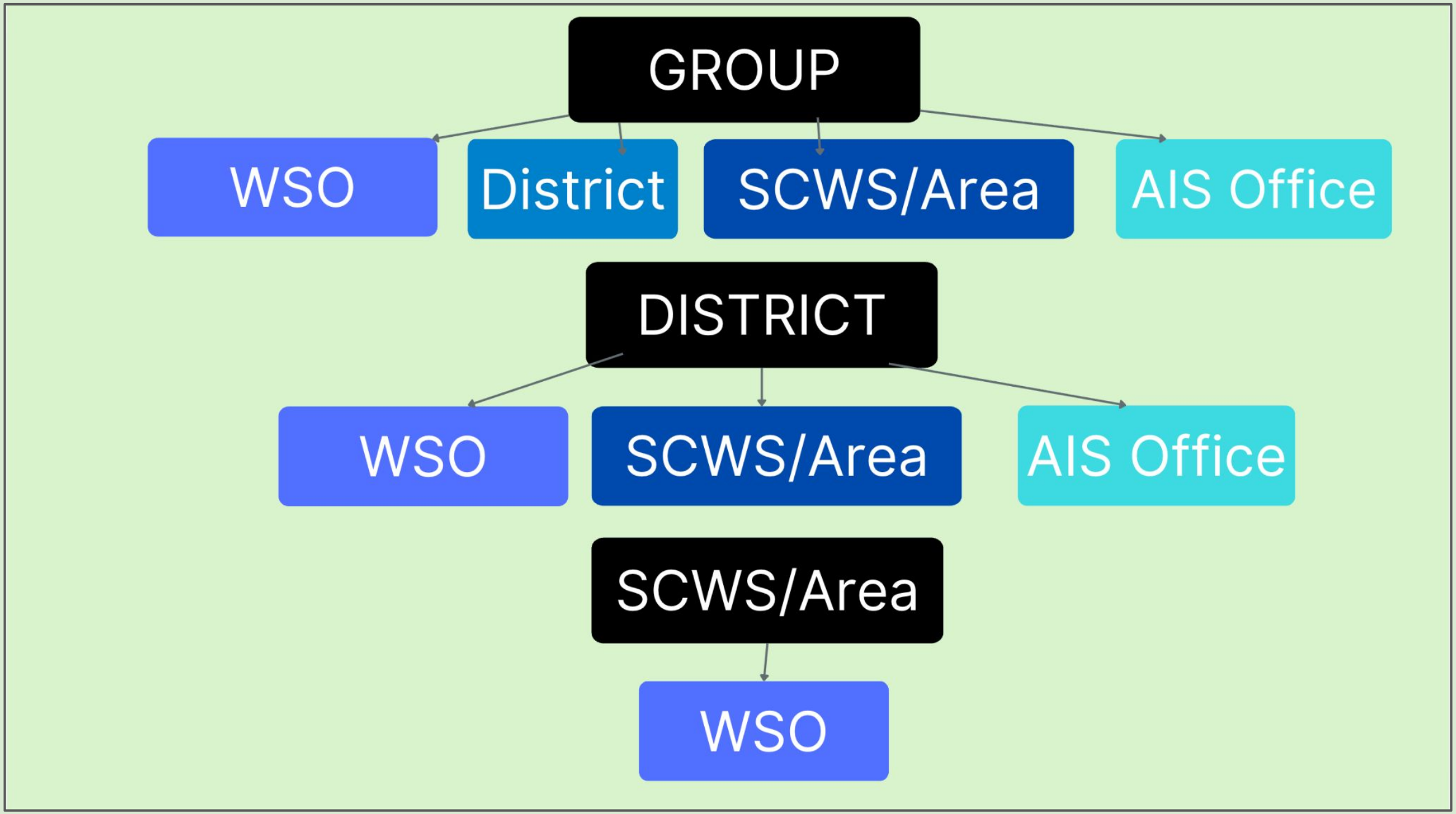
INCOME

Group/District/Area/AIS/Individual Contributions, Literature Sales

EXPENSES

- Group services
- CAL and magazine editing, translation
- Digital communications
- Conference and events

- Community awareness
- Volunteer support
- International support
- One year ample reserve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Why Do We Contribute Excess Funds?

- Group, District, and Area funds are used to support Al-Anon's purpose of carrying its message of help and hope to those who still suffer.
- Funds in excess of an ample reserve are used to help support local, Area structures and the World Service Office.
- Nonprofit organizations do not accumulate funds excessively without a clear plan for how they will be used. The Area's funds support the goal of helping families and friends of alcoholics. Excess funds are contributed to WSO.

2025 GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO WSO

The total WSO spends on each group is $358 a year.

100% of registered groups (Al-Anon and Alateen) are using WSO Services.

- 62% of *all* groups contribute to WSO.
- 64% of all Southern California groups contribute to WSO: the average is $192 per group.
- The worldwide average contributed is $207.

We Think Abundantly

"We learn to change our thinking from what we don't have to an awareness of gratitude for what we do have. As that idea expands, we continue to give of our time and money, realizing we can never give back all we have been given. Thinking abundantly allows us to accomplish our primary purpose of reaching out to families and friends of alcoholics." (pg. 102)

"Al-Anon/Alateen service entities may also contribute in a spirit of unity directly to the WSO without limit." (pg. 105)

(2026-2029 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual)