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Money isn't always an easy subject in NA—but it's an important one. And it's a hard time for almost everyone, financially. It's no different in NA than the rest of the world. Like almost everything in Narcotics Anonymous, it's the groups that have the answers, and the power, to make change. Group contributions affect all levels of service.

Since 2020, we've faced new challenges at every level of service. In some places, our reliance on literature sales and fundraising—t-shirts, conventions, and other events—had met the needs of local communities to carry the message in the past. However, in many places, it just doesn't work anymore: the cost of goods and the costs of events, are undermining the potential to raise funds. And at the same time, the needs for our message and the goods and services required to carry it have only increased.

It's certainly true at NA World Services. We are doing more work than ever, and we're doing it in new ways to be leaner and more flexible. We do a lot more work virtually. We are continuing to give away literature to communities in need. We are creating more electronic resources to make service material, literature, and tools for local service available to all free of charge.

In short, we've done a much better job of managing expenses than increasing income.

People are trying, we know that. And there's still a lot to do.

Self-support means only NA members can take care of NA. Members and groups are leading the way, showing us how ongoing direct contributions build a foundation of consistent income we can all count on. The attached tool is an attempt to begin a conversation within groups about group contributions. We are asking all the groups who are willing to take 20 minutes at your next group business meeting to talk through the attached tool. You'll also find more resources for groups to share and discuss best practices at **na.org/group**.

Let us know how your group's conversation went at **wb@na.org**.

If direct contributions are part of your group's story, please share how you came to that decision and how it works for you. If you're new to the idea or haven't tried it yet—we hope you'll consider a change.