

## How donations to FCAME are spent

In the last several years, total annual donations to FCAME have run in the \$2,500 to \$3,000 range. It's fair to ask, "How is my money being spent?"

Here is a brief answer. It shows the percent of FCAME's total annual expenses devoted to its main categories of activities.

	Percent of Total Expenditures
Preparation, printing, and mailing of newsletter "Plain Talk"	37%
Telephone answering/advice service	22
Quarterly dues to Funeral Consumers Alliance national organization	20
Preparation and submission of comments on (including testifying on) pending legislation or regulation by governmental authorities in the FCAME activity area.	18
Website operations	3
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Total	100

In some years, donations exceed expenditures by a few hundred dollars. In other years, expenditures exceed donations by a few hundred dollars. On average, we are a "break even" operation, which is what you should expect from a charitable organization.