Collective Bargaining Chapter Mobilization Fund Guidelines

This policy was adopted by Council in [August 2020].

The AAUP has established the Collective Bargaining Chapter Mobilization Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide grants to AAUP collective bargaining (“CB”) chapters to support new member organizing drives and other member mobilization activities such as contract campaigns or issues campaigns. Applications to the fund will be reviewed by the CB Chapter Mobilization Fund Committee, which shall consist of the director of the Department of Organizing and Services and two AAUP staff members. Grant recommendations will be forwarded to the Council for review and approval.

The Mobilization Fund shall be a budget line established on an annual basis by the Council. Council reserves the right to determine the amount granted from the Fund in a given year. Chapters shall be eligible for grants in the form of matching funds to support organizing, member mobilization, and new member recruitment. Examples of expenses eligible to be covered by these grants include: offsetting chapter staff organizer costs, purchasing supplies required for organizing, subscription fees to digital services that support organizing, and supporting course releases for faculty organizers. Grants made to a chapter shall not exceed $20,000/year in total. In order to be eligible to receive a grant, a chapter must be in good standing with the AAUP, and must agree to comply with the terms of the grant.

In order to apply, chapters must submit an application, a copy of the chapter’s most recent audited financial statements, and any other required documents to the director of the Department of Organizing and Services. Applications will be reviewed by the CB Chapter Mobilization Fund Committee on a quarterly basis.