

Funds Committee Report

Request: The Board of AAUW Maryland agrees to support fund raising efforts at the individual, branch and state level for National earmarked for supporting National Public Policy activity.

The goal for fund raising This year (25/26) is \$10,000.

The committee will also recommend honoring a State Member who has been active – and successful – in her activism and coordination with State legislative work. Recognition of this person will be part of our State Annual Meeting.

Rationale:

AAUW National has asked members to continue their support of the “Greatest Need” funding, which provides the National Board with some flexibility to apply those funds in strategic places. AAUW Maryland members have met – and continue to meet – that request.

National has also created two new funds, specifically designed to fund initiatives for the years ahead – one is a Public Policy Fund (4337) and the other is the Defend Higher Education Fund (4513). While individual Maryland members of AAUW have supported both areas, we are especially proud of the work our Public Policy leadership has accomplished in the Maryland legislature over the past years. It is fitting for us to actively support National’s work in this area. And we do. In addition to funding, we have members of LobbyCorps and we support specific actions made by National.

Jeri Rhodes

State Funds Chair