

# **USFWC Dues Calculator**

USFWC dues are determined by membership class. Descriptions of member classes available here: <u>https://usworker.coop/join/membership-application/</u>

WORKER COOPERATIVES & DEMOCRATIC WORKPLACES		
Dues Formula	0.1% of wages paid by workplace 1/1/16 through 12/31/16 2017 Dues Amount = FY 2016 wages x 0.001	
Dues Floor (minimum annual dues amount)	\$200+	

If this formula calculates a dues amount that represents a financial burden for your workplace to join or renew membership, please contact membership@usworker.coop to discuss payment options. The Federation is committed to making membership accessible.

# **STARTUP WORKPLACES**

#### \$250 flat fee for Startup Workplaces

\$100 annual dues for startup workplaces and converting businesses receiving technical assistance from a current Coop Developer member (dues can be paid by workplace or developer)

COOP DEVELOPERS		
Organizations	\$250-\$1,000 (determined by member)	
Sliding scale based on guiding formula: 2017 Dues = $0.1\%$ of organizations budget spent on coop development.		
ex: \$500,000 cooperative development budget in 2015 equal \$500 in 2017 annual dues		

ASSOCIATES		
Organizations	\$100-\$1,000 (determined by member)	
Sliding scale based on guiding formula: 2017 Dues = 0.1% of budget spent on cooperative/community/economic development		
ex: \$500,000 cooperative development budget in 2017 equal \$500 in 2016 annual dues		

FEDERATION PARTNERS	
Organizations	\$100-\$1,000 (determined by member)*
*Approved by USFWC's Board in 2017	

INDIVIDUALS	
Sustainer	\$10 or more per month via auto-payment
Friend of the Federation	\$25 or more one-time contribution

#### Labor-Trade Option

Renewing members may pay up to half of their dues in hours (valued at \$25/hr) doing specific tasks in support of the Federation's mission and its current and ongoing projects, as mutually agreed by the USFWC and member workplaces. Labor trade requests must be made in writing and must specify the tasks the member will perform. Labor trade tasks must be completed by the end of the dues year. Requests are approved by the Membership Committee, and are subject to annual review. Labor trade is not available to first-time members, associates, or individuals.

#### Discount For Regional Dues Paid+

To encourage and support regional organizing, the Federation offers a discount to any workplace paying dues to a local/regional organization of worker cooperatives. To calculate your discount, determine which is smaller: (a) half your projected USFWC dues using above formula OR (b) the amount of local/regional dues you paid. Then subtract this amount from your dues above. Dues floor is \$100 for members that also pay local dues, so no discounts will be granted if they reduce dues below \$100.

## Paying Dues & Payment Plans

Renewing members are invoiced annually in April/May. Dues can be paid online (https://usworker.coop/pay-dues/) or by mailing a check to the address below. Payment plans can easily be arranged. Contact us by email or phone to discuss.

## **Dues Non-Payment Policy**

Dues payment is requested within 30 days of receiving annual invoice. Members who have not paid dues will lose benefits after 90 days, and a notice will be sent saying benefits can be re-instated if dues are paid, or payment plan established, before the annual Membership Meeting (June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017). Read our complete dues policies here: https://usworker.coop/dues-policies/