

Funding opportunities offered by the Department of Arts and Culture in the Pankow District Office

The Department of Arts and Culture in the Pankow District Office supports cultural projects from all artistic disciplines, provided they are executed or presented in Pankow and fit into one of the existing funding programmes.

The funding programmes have different objectives, application deadlines and award procedures. The following overview should help you gain an initial overview. More detailed information can be found in German on the respective funding programme's subpages. You are welcome to contact us by phone or in writing in English for specific questions, and to use suitable online tools to translate the content, such as www.deepl.com.

1. Project support arts and culture

Funding is provided for current individual projects that are presented to the public in Pankow. They should contribute to the diversity and vitality of cultural life in the district, e.g. an exhibition, a reading, a concert, a performance, a theatre production. Interdisciplinary projects will also be considered, however, projects from the field of cultural education will not.



Image: Bernd Kumar
ELEKTRO KAGURA | G8.000.000

2. Infrastructure support for the independent scene

This funding programme is aimed at independent cultural institutions in Pankow that do not receive structural funding (e.g. from the Senate Department for Culture and Social Cohesion). Funding can be applied for to purchase technical and movable infrastructure, e.g. for lighting and sound equipment or new seating. Training courses and organizational consultations are also eligible for funding, provided they serve to optimize processes within the institution, e.g. public relations workshops.



Image: Alexander Meurer
bohemian.drips | Speicher (Memory)

3. Berlin Project Fund for Cultural Education

This fund provides resources for projects where children, youth and young adults up to the age of 27 actively participate. Eligibility applies exclusively to cooperation projects of cultural institutions/independent artists (= cultural partners) together with Pankow day-care centres/schools/recreational facilities etc. (educational partners), e.g. a project week at the school, an art project in the day-care centre, a workshop in a recreational facility for youth.



Image: Valentina Sartori
Art project: Sturm und Strand (Storm and Beach)

The Berlin Project Fund for Cultural Education has three funding pillars; at the district level, only money from funding pillar 3 is awarded. More information in English is available here:

www.kulturformen.berlin/foerdern/berliner-projektfonds-kulturelle-bildung/berlin-project-fund-for-arts-education

4. KiA programme support

The KiA programme promotes the establishment and implementation of theatre offerings for children and youth in the twelve districts of Berlin. Funding for various purposes can also be applied for in Pankow:

a) Individual artists and independent groups without a fixed venue can apply for performance awards for theatre events in certain parts of Pankow.

b) Pankow children's and youth theatre venues can apply for project funding, e.g. for a new production.



Image: Swen Siewert
POP UP, PIRAT! - Fantastische Faltungen und Schillernde Sprachschätze (Fantastic convolutions and dazzling language treasures)

An overview of the Pankow Department of Art and Culture's funding programmes:

<i>Information last updated: July 2024</i>	1. Project support art and culture	2. Infrastructure support	3. Berlin Project Fund for Cultural Education (Funding pillar 3)	4. KiA programme support (Implementation in Pankow)
Content	New artistic projects of all disciplines presented in Pankow	Movable technical purchases, qualifications	Participatory cultural education projects	Performance awards and project funding for children's, youth and puppet theatres
Applicants	Artists, artist collectives, associations, initiatives	Operators of independent cultural institutions in Pankow	Cultural and educational partners (location: Pankow) in tandem	Professional theatre professionals, institutions, associations/initiatives
Application amount	max. € 10.000	max. € 7,500	max. € 5,000	€ 460 - 1,700 award, project funding as required
Funding budget	€155,000 per year	€30,000 per year	€45,000 per year	approx. €100,000 per year
Application deadline	15 October	15 October	15 December	15 January

General information on the department's funding procedures

All four programmes are procedures for public cultural funding, and the state of Berlin's legal basis for awarding grants applies.

Some criteria must therefore be met in order to apply for project funding:

- The projects are new and temporary.
- The projects have not yet started.
- The projects are not commercial in nature.

Each funding programme has its own jury that reviews and evaluates the applications. High artistic and aesthetic quality is always required, therefore all programmes are primarily aimed at professional artists. Applications must be submitted in German - exceptions for individual components (e.g. CV) are possible by arrangement and spelling and grammar will not be evaluated. It is important that the content of the project concept is understandable.

Related links on cultural funding in Berlin

Berlin has several service and advice centres offering workshops, information and advice on cultural funding. The following links lead to the corresponding websites, most of the content there is also available in English:

Beratungszentrum für Kultur- und Kreativschaffende
<https://www.kreativkultur.berlin/en/home/>

Performing Arts Programm Berlin:
<https://pap-berlin.de/en>

Berufsverband Bildender Künstler*innen Berlin:
<https://www.bbk-berlin.de/en>

Creative Service Center der WeTek Berlin gGmbH
<https://wetek.de/creative/english/>

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