



## **INFORMATION SHEET**

### **on awards for art project spaces and initiatives in the area of visual arts for 2023**

#### **Target group**

The funding program is aimed both at project spaces as free, self-initiated venues for presentation and production and at non-site-based initiatives working in the area of visual arts. Legal and natural persons (individuals, associations, artist groups, etc.) are eligible to apply.

The project spaces or initiatives should be based and active in Berlin, have their own publicly accessible programming, and be used for presentation, production, development, and research.

#### **Purpose/Objectives of the awards**

Berlin's Senate Department for Culture and Europe is bestowing the awards to honor the multiyear commitment shown so far and/or outstanding programming by those who run project spaces or initiatives.

The awards will be presented to project spaces and initiatives that

- Have a track record of outstanding programming over several years in Berlin's project space scene
- Are spaces/initiatives whose programming showcases interdisciplinary, multigenre, and/or innovative curatorial or artistic approaches, and/or
- Are spaces/initiatives whose conceptual approach stakes out a new position in the project space scene

#### **Prerequisites/Conditions**

All project spaces and initiatives that are part of the target group described above are eligible to apply, provided they satisfy the following conditions:

- They have existed for at least two years (retroactively from the beginning of the call for applications).
- They can demonstrate that the space or initiative has been continuously active in Berlin in curatorial or artistic work. The jury is requested to take into consideration the limited opportunities for presentation and work since February 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic!
- They are based in Berlin, and their main activities take place in Berlin (in the case of initiatives, the majority of the group's members must have their primary residence in Berlin).
- Their project space/their initiative does not take a market-oriented, profit-seeking approach.
- They offer space for third-party projects, discourses, and activities in an artistic context.

## Exclusion

Members of the jury and staff members of the Senate Department for Culture and Europe, as well as their families, are not eligible to apply. Jury members must abstain from voting in cases in which they may be biased.

## Prize money

Prize money will be awarded in two categories:

- Three prizes of €20,000 each
- Four prizes of €10,000 each

The seven prizes (and the category) will be awarded on the recommendation of an independent jury.

## Award ceremony

The award ceremony is scheduled to take place during the 2023 Berlin Art Week. If circumstances permit, the successful applicants are expected to organize an exhibition, an event, or a project presentation that will take place in their/a project space during this time.

## How awards are allocated/Allocation procedure

Award winners are selected on the recommendation of an independent jury.

In 2023, the jury members will be announced as soon as possible.

Decisions will be based on the artistic/curatorial merit and discourse quality of the project spaces and initiatives. These should be reflected in outstanding and continuous programming over at least the last two years; in addition, the project space or initiative should occupy a special position in Berlin's project space scene.

All applicants will be notified by email of the outcome of the jury's deliberations. The names of the award winners and the amount of prize money allocated will be published.

## Application procedure

Applications, including all supporting documents, must be submitted online. You can fill in the electronic application form and upload the required supporting documents online at:

<https://fms.verwalt-berlin.de/egokuef/>

On the first page of the electronic application form, please select "Bildende Kunst" (visual arts) under the heading "Förderbereich" (funding area) and "Auszeichnung künstlerischer Projekträume und -initiativen 2023" (awards for art project spaces and initiatives for 2023) under the heading "Förderprogramm" (funding program).

Please include a brief but precise and informative description of the concept behind your project space/initiative in the online application form under the heading "Projekt-Kurzbeschreibung" (brief project description) (in German; max. 1,900 characters, including spaces and paragraphs), taking into account the following questions:

- a) What is unique about your project space/initiative?
- b) What (long-term) effect do you intend to achieve (vision/future outlook)?

If you have submitted your application form and all of your supporting documents electronically, you are not required to submit any supporting material on paper or on a DVD or CD! Do not forget to provide the link to your website on the electronic application form. If any of your information, photos, or videos cannot be uploaded online, the jury will be able to view them on your website – protected by a password, if necessary.

**IMPORTANT:**

1. Applications that do not comply with the formal criteria as outlined in this information sheet will be excluded from the reviewing process.  
This includes applications that exceed the maximum number of pages permitted for the supporting documents listed below.  
Documents cannot be replaced with others once they have been submitted.
2. Older file formats like .doc can no longer be uploaded.

**Details on the supporting documents to be uploaded:**

1. Statement (concept, priorities of your work, disciplines, prospects)  
(1 MB maximum, **no more than 5 pages [A4 size]**, plus 1 cover page [A4 size]; docx or pdf file)  
Please answer the questions addressed by your brief project description here as well:  
a) What is unique about your project space/project initiative?  
b) How long has your project space/your initiative existed (**date it was founded**) and where is it (**borough/neighborhood**)?  
*File name for the online application: State\_applicant's name*
2. Presentation of past activities (for at least the 2 years prior to the call for applications)  
(10 MB maximum, **no more than 10 pages [A4 size]**, plus one cover page [A4 size]; docx or pdf file)  
Detailed information, photos, videos, and documentation should be available on your website.  
*File name for the online application: DOKU\_applicant's name*
3. Information on the artistic directorship of the project space/initiative  
(3 MB maximum, **no more than 5 pages [A4 size]**, plus one cover page [A4 size]; docx or pdf file)  
Names, artists' CVs, etc.  
*File name for the online application: CV\_KL\_applicant's name*

The application documents cannot be sent by mail.

We will not accept additional documentation on paper.

Only materials that meet the above requirements will be submitted to the jury.

**Deadline for submission**

The application deadline is 23 March 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Online applications must be received by 6:00 p.m. and cannot be sent after this time. Any uploads in progress at 6:00 p.m. will be terminated automatically.

We advise you to make sure you **start the application process in good time** and prepare all the necessary supporting documents in advance.

Please also make sure you are using a **stable Internet connection with sufficient speed and bandwidth** to upload large amounts of data.

You can find further information on the online application in our FAQs (in German):

<http://www.berlin.de/sen/kultur/foerderung/antragscenter/artikel.85073.php>

### **Additional information**

Applications will be considered only if they are complete.

All information given will be treated confidentially and used only for selection purposes.

At the end of the application procedure, all applicants will be notified via email of the jury's vote, probably by the end of May 2023.

If the grant can be considered state aid, this funding is being awarded on the basis of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (General Block Exemption Regulation - GBER) (OJ L 187/1, 26 June 2014).

Companies that have not complied with a recovery injunction based on a previous Commission decision on the inadmissibility of an instance of state aid and its incompatibility with the internal market will not be granted individual aid.

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