



Division I A – Funding for Artists, Projects, and
Independent Groups

INFORMATION SHEET

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Project Funding – Literature for 2024

In 2024, subject to the availability of funds, Berlin's Senate Department for Culture and Community will be awarding grants to promote literature projects in Berlin.

Target group

Individuals, groups, civil law partnerships (*GbRs*), literature professionals, associations, and other organizations, including venues where readings are held on a regular basis (*Lesebühnen*), are eligible to apply, provided the applicant's primary residence or registered office is in Berlin. The annual revenue of publishing houses that wish to apply (publication projects) must not exceed €100,000, and they must not have more than three employees.

Purpose of funding

Funding is awarded to literature projects reflecting complex, experimental, interdisciplinary and/or target-group-oriented approaches and formats in presenting contemporary literature and cartoons.

Potential projects may range from innovative, comparative, or creative forms of presenting and communicating sophisticated contemporary literature to interdisciplinary and/or subject-specific symposiums and conferences with a focus on modern literature.

Publication projects of high literary quality are also funded, such as issues of literary magazines, publication projects by publishing houses, and digital/alternative forms of publication.

In addition to a detailed project description, the following aspects need to be addressed in the application documents:

1) What is unique about your project? What is the specific artistic value of your project (e.g., innovation)?

2) Raising public awareness through targeted measures (media outlets, etc.).

Please describe which target groups (audience, media outlets, experts) you intend to reach and how you intend to achieve this (public relations). Please state the audience size anticipated.

The final report on the expenditure of funds will assess the extent to which the targets were met and which of the media outlets mentioned actually reported on the project.

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3) Professional project implementation

The project organizers or organizations should have a track record of high-quality work in the field of literature or be able to prove experience in organizing projects or producing publications; this needs to be demonstrated by supporting documentation. The final report on the expenditure of funds will assess the extent to which the individuals mentioned were actually involved in implementing the project.

4) Involvement of authors from Berlin

Authors who live and work in Berlin should be considered in and for the programming or the publication project. The authors' names need to be stated in the project application so it can be assessed in the final report on the expenditure of funds whether they indeed took part and whether the plans were realized.

Anniversary events and events of a predominantly private character are not eligible for funding.

Prerequisites and conditions

The project needs to be carried out in **Berlin** between **February 2024 and December 2024**. Pursuant to budgetary provisions, **only projects that have not yet started can be funded**.

Amount of funding

The jury will deliberate on the number of projects to be funded and the amount of funding for each project. The jury's recommendations will be submitted to Berlin's Senate Department for Culture and Community. Around €120,000 is available for around 40 applications.

The project grant applied for must not exceed €25,000.

It is possible to apply for funding for both human resources (fees) and the physical resources needed for the implementation of the project and for public relations.

Submitting an application / Applications:

In principle, **applications** have to be submitted **online**.

Online applications must be received by 8 August 2023, 6:00 p.m. Applications cannot be sent after 6:00 p.m.; 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>

The application form, including the project description and the detailed explanation of the project (Annex 1), need to be submitted in German.

You can access the **link to the online form** on the Internet at

<https://www.berlin.de/sen/kultur/foerderung/antragscenter/>

Please do not use any previous links you may have saved or links from external providers to access the online form. The online form should be accessed only via the Senate Department for Culture and Community website.

Submitting an application

For an online application that includes the necessary supporting documents in electronic format as described below, no additional paper documents are required.

The following supporting documents must be submitted with the application:

- Detailed project description** (e.g., conceptual idea/topics/aesthetic approach, main focus), **up to 4 MB, at most 4 pages**
File name for the online application: PB_Applicant's name
- Applicant's CV**
File name for the online application: CV_Applicant's name, 2 MB, at most 2 pages
- Your group's/your previous projects in Berlin (covering at least the last 2 years), 4 MB, optionally documentation/information material, at most 3 pages**
File name for the online application: PROJEKTE_Applicant's name
- List of project participants, 2 MB, at most 2 pages**
File name for the online application: BETEILIGTE_Applicant's name
- Financial plan, in line with the example on the website/on the online form, 2 MB**
File name for the online application: FP_Applicant's name
- Excerpts from the register of associations and statutes of the association/initiative (only mandatory for associations), 2 MB**
File name for the online application: Verein_Applicant's name
- Confirmation of the venue of the presentation/event, 2 MB**
File name for the online application: VO_Applicant's name

The applications must be filled in and submitted in German.

Allocation of the funds

The Senator responsible for cultural affairs will decide on the allocation of the funds after consulting an advisory body of experts (jury). The independent jury, consisting of three jurors (Karla Kutzner, Dr. Nathalie Mälzer and Valentin Moritz) will issue its recommendations by the end of **December 2023**. The vote will be based on the expected quality of the literature to be presented and how it is communicated, as well as on the response anticipated from the public.

Awards can only be made subject to the availability of funds. There is no right to funding.

All applicants will receive written notification via email of the jury's vote by **January 2024**.

Exclusion

Members of the jury and their families, as well as staff members of Berlin's Senate Department for Culture and Community and their families, are not eligible to apply.

Deadline for submission / application

This year, the application deadline is **8 August 2023**.

Please note:

The online applications must be submitted to the Senate Department for Culture and Community by 8 August 2023, by 6 p.m. at the latest, as described above.

Applications will only be considered if they are complete. All information given will be treated confidentially and used only for selection and funding purposes.

After the jury procedure

- All applicants will be notified of the jury's vote via email shortly after the decision (January 2024).

Additional information

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 No. 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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