



Funding guidelines

The One Foundation assumes social and societal responsibility, supports, initiates and promotes projects.

Its central concern is creating an equitable society in which everyone has the same opportunities to lead a life of their choosing. To this end, the One Foundation promotes and initiates projects that facilitate personal growth and professional development, particularly in the areas of education, the transition from school to work, and the exploration of new career opportunities.

Through its work, the One Foundation supports SDG 4. In the spirit of supporting a good cause and education, we are open for projects and dedicated partners. We cordially invite you to propose projects for funding.

I. Basic principles

- The One Foundation is a foundation under civil law with headquarters in Grünwald.
- The One Foundation sees itself as both a supporting foundation that, for instance, enables third parties to pursue interesting projects, and as an operationally active foundation that pursues its goals in the scope of its own projects.
- The One Foundation supports charitable and the following non-profit purposes:
 - › Promotion of science and research as well as national and professional education (§ 52 para. 2 sent. 1 no. (n.) 1.7 AO).
- Funding recipients must be legal entities that can prove their non-profit status through the tax authorities. Proposed projects must serve the fulfilment of tax-advantaged purposes in keeping with the "tax-advantaged purposes" section of the tax code.

II. Funding criteria

In order to receive funding from the One Foundation, the following formal and substantive criteria must be met:

- Grant recipients must be legal entities that can provide evidence of charitable status recognised by the tax authorities. Projects submitted for funding must serve tax-privileged purposes, as defined in the 'Tax-privileged purposes' section of the German Fiscal Code.
- The funding must be used for its intended purpose.
- The One Foundation supports innovative and scalable projects, focusing on their quality and impact.
- The impact of the project must be demonstrable through its underlying impact logic and assumptions.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they can ensure the project's long-term viability and provide a sustainable funding plan for the project once the grant period has ended.
- Equality, diversity and inclusion must be taken into account in project planning and implementation.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals
- Organisations not based in Germany
- Projects without the representation and active involvement of the target group
- Projects that do not align with the Foundation's purpose
- Short-term projects, such as events
- Retrospective funding where the project period is more than two months in the past

III. Project Presentation/Application

Project applications can be submitted annually in the month of February. To apply, please submit the completed application form along with the relevant supporting documents.

If we have any questions or require additional documentation, we will contact you.

The One Foundation's Board of Directors decides on the allocation and amount of funding. There is no legal entitlement to funding.

IV. Project and Funding Approval

- A decision on whether to award or reject a grant is usually made within eight weeks of the application being received or following the board meeting.
- The One Foundation determines the amount of funding at its discretion.
- The awarded funds are earmarked for a specific purpose. The funds must be used economically and appropriately.
- A grant certificate must be issued for each disbursement of funding.
- At the halfway point of the funding period, we request an informal one-page interim report.
- Grant recipients must report to the One Foundation on the impact and use of the funds no later than eight weeks after the end of the funded project period (see report templates).
- Furthermore, grant recipients must provide information on the project's status at any time.
- The Foundation must be informed of any changes to the project's implementation. Any deviations in the use of funds amounting to >15% must be agreed with the One Foundation.
- Public announcement of the grant must be agreed in advance with the One Foundation. Following such agreement, the grant recipient must acknowledge the Foundation's support in all high-profile activities, for example by displaying the Foundation's logo.
- The One Foundation reserves the right to report on the funding in its public relations work and impact reports. For this purpose, we ask grant recipients to provide text and image material, footage of the cheque presentation and any relevant project reports, impact analyses or evaluation reports.