

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND 2021

General Notes

By creating a short-term aid fund for cultural and educational organisations that contribute to safeguarding pluralistic societies worldwide, the German Federal Foreign Office, the Goethe-Institut and other intermediary organisations have teamed up to address structural needs caused by the pandemic with the aim of strengthening and securing the survival of corresponding cultural partners abroad.

The International Relief Fund 2021 is designed to provide short-term funding to projects with a specific objective and timeline in order to maintain, rebuild, and expand their infrastructure as well as to cover the costs associated with activities such as developing new formats in the event other financial sources are not available.

The funding period will start on 1 September 2021 and end 28 February 2022. For the period indicated the maximum funding amount for an individual project is 30,000 euros.

A jury consisting of representatives from the Federal Foreign Office, the Goethe-Institut, and consortium partners as well as experts from the respective regional civil societies will evaluate and decide on eligible applications using the following criteria:

- The organisation's relevance to civil society
- Quality and sustainability or perspective-creating potential of the idea
- Plausibility of idea and approach to realisation especially regarding the usage of time, personnel, and resources
- Need and urgency

Who is eligible for funding?

Note: Having been awarded by the International Relief Fund 2020 is no criterion of exclusion from this call.

Applying organisations must meet the following criteria:

- They contribute to securing artistic freedom and pluralistic societies.
- They have been operating successfully as organisational structure for at least three years (individual artists or single cultural or educational activists are not eligible). This operation has to be testified by two Civil Society Statements, i.e. letters of recommendation.
- They are known either to the Goethe-Institut, the German Embassy/Consulate General, the S. Fischer Foundation, or the Robert Bosch Foundation due to past partnership(s), which will have to be certified by an Institutional Statement of the respective partner.
- Their work and perspectives have been cut back and restricted by the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, and no other financial sources are available.
- They are able to receive international funding and to ensure its effective use in accordance with public procurement law and anti-corruption standards as well as to proof its continuous and verifiable documentation.
- They have no official bankruptcy proceedings ongoing or pending.
- They are located outside the EU, the USA, and Canada.

The funding can be used for:

- Projects with a specific objective and timeline to maintain or rebuild infrastructure to meet pandemic requirements, in conjunction with fixed expenses payments for space and staff
- Start-up financing for infrastructure expansion to enable new formats and/or alternative spaces (temporary personnel costs, equipment, qualification, such as staff training for an alternative cultural space or media office for audience development, in conjunction with wage payment during the project time frame)
- Projects for developing new digital formats including staff training and qualification, consultancy fees and similar

Deadline

Application platform opens on Thursday, 8 April 2021, 0:01 CET.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, 7 May 2021, 12:00/noon CET.

Only applications received via the application platform can be accepted. Applicants will be informed on the success of their application by mid-July 2021.