

Guide Line: Fund “Migrantisches Engagement”

For organisations run by migrants

Our self-image as an institution

The BürgerStiftung Hamburg is a communal institution founded by members of the public for their city of Hamburg. It aims to serve the common welfare, to strengthen the local community, to mobilise innovative power and to incite corporations and citizens alike to actively participate in socially beneficial assignments/tasks.

Aims of the fund "Migrantisches Engagement"

With the fund "Migrantisches Engagement" we want to strengthen the commitment of the multifaceted migrant communities in Hamburg. It is our goal to sponsor more organizations which have been initiated by people with a migration background and those who have personal experience in that domain. We want to support projects which cater to the needs of migrants and to enable them and their target groups to partake in social, political, cultural life and integration. The fund "Migrantisches Engagement" is simultaneously supposed to be a first step on the way to further open the institution BürgerStiftung Hamburg interculturally.

Organisations entitled to submit an application

Only associations and start-ups founded by migrants may apply for a grant. Furthermore, it is important to note that the applicant must

- Pursue non-profitable purposes, as well as be organized according to democratic principles and be independent of any governmental structures and/or political parties at home and abroad
- Match in part our statutes and should be centered around the areas education, social action and culture
- Address especially target groups like children, teenagers, young adults and families with young children
- Concentrate primarily on an active integration of their community in Hamburg, meaning that their target groups are empowered in successfully shaping their lives here in Hamburg
- Promote and supervise volunteer work among their community members to facilitate a possibility to help shape society
- Be open and actively encourage intercultural exchanges and encounters with other societal groups

Possible project contents

Project purposes that can be taken into consideration:

- Support of the integration process and intercultural exchange for a successful cohabitation in Hamburg
- Advancement of structures and networks established by migrants
- Counselling of topics pertinent to the target group and to integration
- Improvement of future and participation prospects for migrants
- Encouragement initiative and personality development
- Strengthening of civic commitment in migrant communities
- Training of people to be multipliers in topics relevant for migrant communities

We set a high value on

- Experience: The institution applying for a grant has experience in topics relevant to migrants and their communities.
- Proximity to the target group: An immediate contact with the target group is ensured, be it through already established direct contact with potential participants or through the cooperation with an authoritative partner in a district of Hamburg who can establish such a connection.
- Volunteer work: It encourages the spirit of volunteer work and/or motivates its participants to do volunteer work for the city of Hamburg and the community.
- Participation: The project allows and encourages the participants to help shape the proposal and to further develop it.
- Openness to exchange experiences: The project must be transparent and open to exchange gained experiences and knowledge with other institutions, associations and migrant communities.
- Identification with the institution BürgerStiftung Hamburg: It must be evident that the BürgerStiftung Hamburg is the patron of the submitted project.

Support is impossible in cases of

- Projects with a political, a religious or a purely cultural orientation
- Projects that are not directed at one or more of the intended target groups of Hamburg: children, teenagers, families and persons who are socially disadvantaged
- Projects with a commercial orientation
- Projects interested in political developments abroad
- Expenses for an individual person or persons (e.g. families in need of financial support, sickly children, people in need of legal support, etc.)
- Financial backing for ongoing costs of any kind
- Constructional or scientific investments
- Scholarships, travelling expenses, study visits
- Already realized and completed projects

Amount and utilisation of grant money

The fund "Migrantisches Engagement" supports micro projects with up to 1,500 Euro. Organizations can apply for a grant twice a year.

Funding can be requested for:

- Allowances for volunteers
- Rents and running costs for one-off events or meetings (of members or volunteers)
- To rent technical equipment
- Fares and transportation costs for volunteers
- Event costs (e.g. catering, rental fee of the event room)
- Project-related cost of materials

Application

Applications for project funding can be submitted digitally. Please find the application form at: <https://kontakt.buergerstiftung-hamburg.de/mso-application>

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