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# Guidelines: Fund “Migrantisches Engagement”

## For organisations run by and for 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 mobilize innovative power and to encourage 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. Our goal is to sponsor more organizations initiated by people with a migration background and those who have personal experience in that domain. We want to support projects that cater to the needs of migrants and enable them and their target groups to partake in social, political, and cultural life and integration. The fund “Migrantisches Engagement” is simultaneously supposed to be a first step towards further opening the institution BürgerStiftung Hamburg interculturally.

### **Organizations 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, 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 the active integration of their community in Hamburg, meaning that their target groups are empowered to successfully shape 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 not possible 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 in 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, sick 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 utilization of grant money**

The fund "Migrantisches Engagement" supports micro projects with up to 1,500 Euro. Organizations are allowed to get a grant maximal 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. In 2025 it's not possible to apply in English language. To get support applying in German language, please contact us!

You'll find the application form in German at:

[https://kontakt.buergerstiftung-hamburg.de/fonds\\_migrantisches\\_engagement\\_antrag\\_2025](https://kontakt.buergerstiftung-hamburg.de/fonds_migrantisches_engagement_antrag_2025)

For any enquiry concerning the application forms, the application procedure or the requirements to get a grant, please contact:

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