

Funding guidelines

The funding guidelines provide information on our criteria for assessing funding applications. Please only send us project applications whose content and structure comply with the funding guidelines. Please check carefully and, if in doubt, ask us whether your project is eligible for funding.

Objectives and funding priorities

The Schöck-Familien-Stiftung gemeinnützige GmbH (hereinafter referred to as “SFS”) was founded in 2012 by Sabine Schöck and has been supporting projects in Germany and abroad ever since. In Germany, the SFS focuses on funding in Baden-Württemberg and abroad on funding in India (primarily West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya), Sri Lanka, Nepal, Uganda and Ethiopia.

It is important to the family to give disadvantaged people the chance of a successful and responsible life through individually tailored support, good education and training.

Application procedure

Grants are only awarded based on written applications using the forms provided by the SFS.

Please send us an informative project outline, an initial cost/financing plan and your organization’s most recent annual report in advance:
info@schoeck-familien-stiftung.de

If the brief preliminary assessment is positive, you will then receive our application forms.

Funding requirements

The projects funded by the SFS are committed to non-profit status.

Applicants can be corporations (e.g. associations, foundations or gGmbHs) based in Germany, Austria and Switzerland that are recognized as non-profit organizations, as well as municipalities, parishes and educational institutions.

In exceptional cases, organizations based in other European countries are also eligible for funding. Funding agreements with organizations outside Europe are not concluded due to the increased administrative effort involved.

The following applies to project funding abroad:

Cooperation with a local registered partner organization in the target country is a prerequisite

for project funding. The applicant organization should be primarily responsible for administration and coordination in Europe, with the local partner organization implementing most of the project.

The applicant organization will only work with partner organizations that are sufficiently well known to it and can plan, implement, monitor and account for the project in a professional manner.

Before passing on the funding to the local project partner in the target country, the applicant organisation is obliged to conclude a project contract with the latter.

Further requirements

- Project implementation tailored to the target group and participation of the target group(s) in planning and implementation,
- Establishment of local sponsorship,
- Sustainable partnership-based cooperation between the applicant and the local implementing organization,
- financial participation and initiative on the part of the applicant, local partner organization(s) and beneficiaries,
- reasonable and comprehensible administrative costs,
- transparent content and financial planning of the projects,
- efficient use of funds,
 - exemplary function of the projects,
- projects designed for sustainability,
- maximum possible involvement of the authorities,
- consideration of cultural and traditional conditions and production methods, maximum use of local material resources,
- implementation of measures in local facilities and organizational structures.
- In the case of agricultural projects, the SFS attaches great importance to environmental and nature compatibility.
- Impact, project goals and measures must be defined realistically and comprehensibly.
- Remuneration of the appropriately trained staff required to implement the project in accordance with local rates.

Funding amount

Funding corresponds to shortfall financing; the funding is thus intended to close a financing gap between the planned expenditures and the company's own funds and, if applicable, third-party funds (co-financing).

The applicant organization's own contribution should be at least 10%.

Funding period

The funding period is a maximum of 2 years each.

Follow-up funding and longer-term partnerships, however, are possible in principle.

We promote sustainable projects, after which integration into local structures takes place.

Even though commitments are only made for a maximum of 2 years, it is possible to support projects for up to 5 years if the funds are processed and available.

The project should not have started before the year of application.

Exclusion of funding and ineligible costs

The following are not supported

- Projects whose content is outside the thematic and geographical focus,
- Projects that pursue political or religious goals,
- Requests to fund administrative costs only,
- Applications from private individuals who – for whatever reason – are in need,
- Applications for projects/programs whose funding would result in the public sector that previously funded these projects withdrawing,
- Applications for loans, guarantees, barter transactions.

Principles of the funding decision

As an independent gGmbH, the SFS reserves the right to decide on the funding applications received at its own discretion and on the basis of the funds available to it. Funding decisions are made by the SFS Advisory Board.

The SFS reserves the right to revoke its willingness to accept funding applications or to change its funding guidelines at any time. The principles set out in these funding guidelines are solely intended to ensure transparency of activities. No claims of any kind can be derived from them against the SFS.

The type and amount of funding is determined by the separate funding agreement to be concluded with the SFS.

There is no entitlement to justification for rejections, nor does the applicant have a legal claim to funding.

Funding: Agreement and payment

In the event of a positive funding decision, a funding agreement will be concluded between the SFS and the applicant organization. The funding amount specified in the funding agreement will be paid out according to the payment schedule agreed in the funding agreement as soon as the funding agreement has been approved and signed by both parties.

The funding required for the (partial) project must be guaranteed before the project begins so that its implementation can be regarded as secured.

Proof of the actual approval of third-party funding (co-financing) and the applicant's own contribution must be provided by the time the approved funding is disbursed at the latest.

The funding application and attachments submitted by the applicant organization are binding and, in the event of a positive funding decision, serve as the basis for the funding agreement.

Proof of use of funds

Proof of use of funds (including a factual report, numerical evidence in German and annual audits of the local partner organization) must be submitted to the SFS during and after the

end of the funding period. In the event of funding, the proof of use to be submitted and the date on which it is to be submitted will be regulated in a funding agreement.

The SFS is authorised to audit books, receipts and other business documents and the use of the funding by means of local enquiries or to have them audited by authorised representatives. In addition, the SFS reserves the right to review the progress of the project or the objectives achieved on site without prior notice up to 5 years after the funding.