



Funding requests to the Foundation FGB

Thank you for your interest in our foundation and the effort you are making with your funding request. We know that a lot of time, energy and hope goes into researching suitable funding organisations and formulating applications. Please read through our opportunities and limitations in advance to see if we are a good fit for your request.

If you would like to submit a funding request, please use our **application form** at <https://civicrm.stiftungfgeb.ch/ApplicationForm>. Please do not send us any applications by email, as this would make it impossible for us to process the large number of requests we receive. We also ask you to avoid enquiries by post.

You will receive an automatic confirmation of receipt. The processing time is approximately four to six weeks after the end of the respective application period.

Possibilities - When it comes to funding, we are guided by the following aspects:

- What should the money make possible? Could the goal also be achieved in another way?
- Personal commitment and individual initiative become visible.
- Reflection on one's own biographical position, (dis)privileges, structures and context.
- Financial and content-related plausibility of the project.
- Community-based, solidarity-based approaches in the construction of the project or initiative.
- Interest-free education and training loan as an alternative to donation?
- Long-term impact, structure and goals of the project.

Limits - We cannot accept these requests (capacity utilisation & donation volume):

- Entrepreneurial activities, commercially oriented projects - we are a non-profit organisation.
- Funding requests over CHF 5'000
- Real estate: building projects, house purchase, capital for loan, extension, conversion.
- Book/print publications: Referral to crowdfunding - we would be happy to advise you on this.
- Topics with low funding volume, few donations: Art, theatre/film/music.
- Individual scholarships or financing of musical instruments or similar.
- Interest-free loans for organisations and groups (support costs currently too high).



Solidarity Funds - Enquiries possible at any time!

Enquiries in the context of the Corona pandemic to the Solidarity Fund are possible at any time for any non-profit theme, even outside the normal funding deadlines and independent of the theme funds! The funding amounts awarded are usually between CHF 1,000 - CHF 2,000 in order to be able to support as many people and initiatives as possible.

Our background -good to know

The Foundation Freie Gemeinschaftsbank is not a classic charitable foundation. As an umbrella foundation, we primarily offer infrastructure for the administration of donations and content-related advice for charitable engagement. We work in a process-oriented manner and create space for encounters and exchange. We are a consumer foundation and redistribute money directly. We finance our office through various free donations and a solidarity-based contribution model.

Our funding is earmarked in so-called funds, which represent different areas and specific focal points. For most of the funds there are people who take care of the donations and demands of the funds and do not accept additional requests. We also work with fund sponsorships and other participatory formats.

Therefore, only the **thematic funds** are considered for funding requests. (Overview <https://stiftungfsb.ch/fonds/themenfonds>). Again, we can only pass on what we have received as a donation. For some themes, there are generally few donations or large donations have been used up. Thus, many project requests do not fit into our funding spectrum, even if their work seems valuable and meaningful to us or we were able to support them in the past.

The overarching purpose of the FGB Foundation is: **People, Environment, Culture**. The foundation is based on Rudolf Steiner's spiritual science. However, it is not necessary to have a connection to anthroposophy in order to work with us. Furthermore, we are guided by the ideas of Commoning and see ourselves as a learning organisation. We strive for a discrimination-sensitive attitude and position ourselves clearly against racism, sexism, rejectionism, classism, homophobia, transphobia and anti-Semitism. We are open to feedback.

You can also find more information about us and our work on the website and in our annual reports.

How to contact us

We are in the office Tuesday - Thursday. Therefore, sometimes answers take a little longer, thank you for your patience. Please also note our current telephone hours on the website.



Stiftung FGB

If you have questions about funding opportunities, you can come to our Open Foundation Consultation on the 1st Tuesday afternoon of each month. Please make an appointment by email.
<https://stiftungfsb.ch/ueber-uns/sprechstunde>

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We look forward to your enquiries!

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