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The Foundation Environment and Development North Rhine-Westphalia has a mission to protect natural resources, fight poverty and promote global justice, a One World philosophy, human dignity and the sustainable development. The foundation assists non-profit-making environment and development organizations by providing project consultancy and finance.

The support we offer centres on education for sustainable development (environment and development policy training, global and intercultural learning, economical and political education). Priority is granted to projects which combine environment and development issues, where committed people are working on a voluntary basis, and which promise to remain viable once funding comes to an end.

The foundation also conducts its own activities in pursuit of these objectives. Furthermore the foundation supports the settings of priorities concerning environmental protection and development policies of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

The funds allocated by the foundation are drawn from surpluses in the State lottery and taxes of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. More than 55 million euro have been granted to over 1150 projects since the foundation was set up in 2001.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

Who can apply?

Non-profitmaking organizations are invited to submit applications. Applications from individuals or commercial companies are not accepted.

What can funding be used for?

Funding is granted to suitable projects in the above-mentioned fields. Project activities need to address people in North Rhine-Westphalia. We cannot finance organizations to perform their regular duties or subsidize their administration.

How long does funding last?

Projects may normally run for a maximum of two years, in special cases up to three years.

Which costs can be funded?

We can fund staffing costs, investments, materials and project management.

What must the applicant contribute?

In general the project agency must provide 20% of the project costs, depending on the other resources available. These may take the form of actual funds, materials or voluntary labour.

Is co-financing accepted?

Financial contributions may be made by other donors, sponsors or project partners. However, we exclude projects that are already being funded by other State foundations or public State agencies.

No legal entitlement.

There is no legal entitlement to receive funding.

APPLICATION

1. Project outline

Before submitting your application, it is helpful to send the foundation a brief outline of your project. The foundation will check to ensure that the project meets the funding criteria.

2. Historical data and documents

The application must be accompanied by some basic information about your organization and those responsible for it, along with certain documents.

3. The application

Your application for funding must provide sufficient details about the aims of the project, target groups, specific activities and expected outcomes. It may be advisable to include some notes on the prospects, i.e. the impact or follow-on processes.

The application must include a financial schedule which fully itemizes all your costs and all sources of project funding.

4. Record of expenditure

At the end of the project you must produce full receipted accounts of how the money has been spent. Interim accounts may be required for lengthier projects.

Please find more detailed information as well as the German version of the application forms at www.sue-nrw.de