

Call for project proposals

Funding programme “Jugend erinnert“ (Youth reminds) Sub-programme: Coming to terms with the SED dictatorship

Background

More than 30 years after the fall of the SED dictatorship and the end of German division, its legacy continues to shape society in a united Germany. At the same time, controversial debates about the significance of the GDR in German memory culture point to a continual drifting apart of scientifically founded reappraisal and individual experiences which are passed on to the younger generation within families. Many young people, in particular, have little knowledge of the injustice perpetrated by the state, the fate of the victims and everyday life in the GDR.

In order to prevent the danger of trivialising authoritarian regimes, to strengthen the understanding of democracy – especially among young people – through extracurricular historical-political education and to further promote social recognition of the victims of the SED dictatorship, Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media Prof. Monika Grütters has launched the “Jugend erinnert“ funding programme in 2019. In addition to the already existing sub-programme focusing on education about how to deal with the Nazi dictatorship, this call for proposals marks the start of the funding line that supports projects for coming to terms with the SED regime and its consequences.

Objective of the programme

On the one hand, the programme intends to encourage cooperation between institutions dealing with the GDR past with educational, youth and cultural institutions and youth organisations. On the other hand, it aims at the creation and further development of innovative communication formats tailored for young people and reaching particular those who do not make use of existing educational offers.

The emphasis lies on imparting historical knowledge about the reciprocal pervasion of everyday life and politics in the SED dictatorship as well as about injustice and repression inflicted by the state with their enduring consequences for the victims and German society as a whole. Within this framework, the focus may also be extended to the period after 1989/90.

Subjects of funding may be:

1. The establishment and implementation of long-term cooperation between (one or multiple) institutions dedicated to the reappraisal of the SED dictatorship and/or with providers of educational, youth and cultural work in the broader sense and with youth organisations

or

2. the development of modern digital, multimedia and audio-visual educational formats, including social media, targeted on young people. This may also be realised in the form of cooperation.

Funding is provided for projects promising a national impact through the composition of the cooperation partners, through the development and use of new methods, through a model-like impulse character or through the supra-regional significance and applicability of their conceptual approaches.

Eligible applicants and beneficiaries

Eligible to apply and receive funding are non-profit legal entities (e.g. memorials, museums, documentation centres and scientific organisations, associations and institutions of historical-political educational work) based in Germany which are dedicating at least one focus of their work on the reappraisal of the SED dictatorship (hereinafter referred to as reappraisal institutions).

In this framework, different reappraisal institutions may join forces, one of which will submit the jointly developed application. Particularly desirable are tandems of established institutions with small, volunteer-oriented institutions as well as new cooperation with organisations that have not yet worked with reappraisal institutions and that are reaching out to or are run by young people. Cooperation with organisations abroad is also possible.

Type, scope and amount of the grant

The grant will be awarded by way of project funding as shortfall financing. Adequate co-financing by Federal States, local authorities or third parties is expected; justified exceptions are possible.

Generally, grants from EUR 40,000.00 to EUR 200,000.00 per project can be allowed as non-repayable subsidies over a maximum project duration until the end of 2023.

Procedure

Applications for funding within the programme “Jugend erinnert“ can be submitted until **15th February 2021** at:

Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur
(Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship)
Programme “Jugend erinnert“
Kronenstraße 5
10117 Berlin, Germany

Please note: For legal reasons, the date of application receipt is decisive for compliance with the deadline. The complete applications (10-page project description plus annexes) must be submitted in form of a print copy (unclipped, not stapled or punched, without folders and envelopes). In addition, an electronic copy of the application has to be sent by e-mail (file size up to max. 15 MB) to jugenderinnert@bundesstiftung-aufarbeitung.de.

Further information on the funding programme “Jugend erinnert“ can be found on the websites of the [Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and Media](#) and the [Federal Foundation for the Reappraisal of the SED Dictatorship](#). For details on how to apply, please refer to the [funding principles](#) (GERMAN) and the [FAQ on project funding](#). The application form (GERMAN) can be downloaded [here](#).