

# Call for projects 2026

## Partnerships for Democracy Pankow 1 & 2 Federal program „Demokratie leben!“

In the Berlin district of Pankow, there are currently two partnerships for democracy within the framework of the federal program “Demokratie leben!”. The aim of these partnerships is to strengthen democratic engagement, promote diversity, and prevent extremism.

The implementation of the partnerships for democracy is supported by funding from the Federal Ministry of Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women, and Youth, the Berlin Senate Administration, and the Pankow District Office.

This year, 42,000 € is available per partnership for projects that align with the goals of the federal program Living Democracy! Each partnership for democracy in the country sets its own regional and thematic priorities.

In this context, we want to encourage interested organizations to submit project proposals and actively participate in shaping the Pankow partnerships for democracy.

### Call for Projects for the Partnership for Democracy Pankow 1

The Partnership for Democracy Pankow 1 includes projects located in the neighborhoods of Prenzlauer Berg, Pankow-Center, Niederschönhausen, Blankenfelde, Schönholz, Wilhelmsruh, and Rosenthal. For the funding year 2026, project ideas are sought that focus on the following areas:

#### **1. Engaging in Democratic Discourse and Constructively Managing Conflicts**

The goal is to convey and jointly test approaches to democratic conflict management. Formats that consider diverse perspectives, experiences, and access points are desired, as well as those that break down barriers and enable broad participation. It is possible to include new methods and approaches.

Funding amounts to 14,000 €.

## 2. Opening Solidarity Spaces and Strengthening Jewish Life

A project is sought that strengthens Jewish life in Pankow while also addressing one or more additional dimensions of societal diversity (e.g., queer life, Muslim perspectives) in an intersectional way and opening solidarity spaces. Formats that contribute to building networks or cooperation structures that facilitate exchange and sustainable collaboration among various marginalized groups in the social space are also conceivable.

Funding amounts to 14,000 €.

## 3. Shaping Democracy in a Participatory and Power-Critical Way through Youth

A project is sought that places democratic values at its center and views youth as active agents and co-creators. The starting point is the question of which experiences and topics concerning democracy particularly resonate with youth in the social space.

As with all projects in the partnerships for democracy, a diversity-oriented and power-sensitive approach is particularly important: Which young people are currently less visible, structurally disadvantaged, or marginalized? Which should be particularly considered regarding equitable participation?

Funding amounts to 14,000 €.

### Call for Projects for the Partnership for Democracy Pankow 2

The Partnership for Democracy Pankow 2 includes projects located in the neighborhoods of Weißensee, Heinersdorf, Blankenburg, Französisch-Buchholz, Karow, and Buch. For the funding year 2026, project ideas are sought that focus on the following areas:

## 1. Regaining Trust in Democracy – Focus on Youth in Buch, Karow and Blankenburg

A project is sought that specifically targets youth in Buch, Karow, and Blankenburg who are skeptical of democratic values and structures or are leaning towards anti-democratic attitudes. The goal is to create spaces for dialogue, exchange, and collaborative learning, where different positions are heard and taken seriously. Innovative, creative, and dialogue-oriented approaches that open new access points for democratic education—preferably with unconventional methods and collaborations—are particularly welcome.

Funding amounts to 14,000 €.

## 2. Regaining Trust in Democracy – Focus on Adults in Weißensee

A project is sought that specifically targets adults, particularly in Weißensee, who are skeptical of democratic values and structures and whose trust in democracy needs to be strengthened. The goal is to create spaces for dialogue, exchange, and collaborative learning, where different positions are heard and taken seriously. Innovative, creative, and dialogue-oriented approaches that open new access points for democratic education—preferably with unconventional methods and collaborations—are particularly welcome. Funding amounts to 14,000 €.

## 3. Shaping Democracy in a Participatory and Power-Critical Way through Youth

A project is sought that places democratic values at its center and views youth as active agents and co-creators. The starting point is the question of which experiences and topics concerning democracy are particularly significant for youth. As with all projects in the partnerships for democracy, a diversity-oriented and power-sensitive approach is particularly important: Which young people are currently less visible, structurally disadvantaged, or marginalized? Which should be particularly considered regarding equitable participation?

Funding amounts to 14,000 €.

**Start of the submission period:** 12.02.2026

**End of the deadline:** 12.02.2026

**Project duration:** 15.04.2026–11.12.2026

### Funding Criteria

Eligible to apply are associations, institutions, and organizations that are not publicly owned and that meet the criteria of the federal program. The exact funding requirements and evaluation criteria can be found in the annex "Funding Criteria".

### Application Process

If you want to apply for a project, you can find the application forms here: [moskito.pfefferwerk.de](http://moskito.pfefferwerk.de). Before submitting an application, it is mandatory to participate in an application consultation. Appointments for project applications in Pankow 1 can be booked at this link: [Application consultation PfD Pankow 1](#).

Appointments for project applications in Pankow 2 can be booked throughout the following days: 27.02., 02.03., 04.03., 06.03. and 11.03. If none of the available time slots works for you, please contact [moskito@pfefferwerk.de](mailto:moskito@pfefferwerk.de).



The applications must be sent by email to [moskito@pfefferwerk.de](mailto:moskito@pfefferwerk.de) by the deadline of 12.03.2026. The completed application form as well as a scan of the association's statutes and the registration entry must be submitted.

A jury will meet at the end of March and will make a recommendation on which projects to fund. Subsequently, final approval from the federal program is required. In the current planning, a project start is expected from 15.04.2026.

## Any questions?

Feel free to contact our team from [moskito] Fach- und Netzwerkstelle gegen Rechtsextremismus, für Demokratie und Vielfalt: [moskito@pfefferwerk.de](mailto:moskito@pfefferwerk.de). We are looking forward to your ideas!