

# Funding Criteria 2026

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

### Funding Requirements:

The following points must be met in order for the project to be funded:

- The project idea has been discussed by the applicants during the application consultation. The application consultation does not constitute a claim for funding.
- The project supports the objectives of the federal program “Demokratie leben!": “The goal of the federal program is to contribute to strengthening democracy and a peaceful, respectful coexistence, to promote participation, and to enable work against all forms of group-focused enmity and anti-democratic attitudes.”
- The [funding guidelines of the federal program “Demokratie leben!”](#) as well as the general ancillary conditions for grants for project funding (ANBest-P) apply.
- The project must take place in the designated district regions Pankow 1 or Pankow 2 and be aimed at Pankow multipliers / residents.
- The project may start no earlier than 15.04.2026 and must be completed by 11.12.2026 at the latest.
- After the project is completed, no later than 31.01.2026, a factual report as well as the necessary documents to prove the funding must be submitted.
- Applications can be submitted by non-profit associations and organizations. The statutory purpose must be compatible with the federal program. Profit-oriented projects cannot be funded.
- Funding is excluded if organizations or persons involved in the project have recently expressed, published, or demonstrated through verifiable activities anti-Semitic, far-right, racist, trans- and queer-phobic, ableist, classist, sexist, or other inhumane positions. Organizations or individuals that support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, which has been classified as antisemitic by the German Bundestag, or actively pursue its goals, are also excluded from funding. By submitting an application, applicants declare that neither they nor the persons involved in the project meet the aforementioned exclusion criteria. This information will be taken into account during the project review.

- Projects that have already received funding for certain elements through other programs or similar must clearly specify which elements of the project are to be funded under the PfD Pankow. These elements must not already be financed through other funds. For this purpose, a financial plan from the other project must be submitted. Double financing of identical expenses must be demonstrably excluded.
- Public relations work within the framework of project implementation must be aligned with the guidelines of the federal program „Demokratie leben!“

## Evaluation Criteria

Project proposals that may be funded are assessed based on the following criteria:

- The project is based on a coherent concept. The application clearly states what will happen, when, and with which target groups. The set objectives can be achieved using the proposed methods.
- The project is based on a realistic (time and resource) plan.
- The application clearly explains how the target group will be reached. The project plan also takes into account, where applicable, the needs of people who have limited access to services, for example due to language, daily needs shaped by religious or philosophical beliefs, proximity to their place of residence, caregiving responsibilities, or other factors.
- The project planning clearly explains how accessibility for people with disabilities is taken into account (e.g., physical accessibility, low-barrier communication, assistance needs, etc.).
- The project is designed and implemented by individuals who are professionally qualified to carry out the project. The professional suitability must be clearly demonstrated in the application. It can be based in particular on relevant qualifications or training, proven professional or volunteer experience in the relevant field, a sound methodological approach, or work based on recognized professional concepts, scientific studies, or proven practical approaches.