

Annex 2 – CHARITABLE STATUS

Information on funding criteria

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is an organization that benefits the public. We pursue our goals in a non-partisan and autonomous manner. Via our projects and programs, we tackle social challenges to develop solutions and bring about change.

Basic principle:

Applicants must be charitable entities.

The project must be charitable in accordance with Germany's Basic Law, it must not generate profit to the benefit of individuals or participating organizations. Furthermore, the project must correspond to one of the statutory purposes of the Robert Bosch Stiftung¹. Your project must selflessly benefit the public, that is, no one may receive a personal benefit from the project.

Funding in practice:

The Robert Bosch Stiftung can only use its funds to support activities and expenditures that comply with the above principle. As such, we will advise you during your application and check whether your project serves charitable purposes before funding is granted. The more specifically you describe the target group(s) and activities of your project, the better we can support you in adhering to this principle.

While the project is being carried out and when accounting for your project, all expenses must be clearly attributable to the project and in keeping with charitable purposes. All expenses must be verifiable by proper receipts (e.g. invoices, travel expense claims).

¹ The advancement of public health care; of international mindset and the concept of international understanding; of welfare; of upbringing, adult education and vocational training; of the arts and culture; of science and research; of assistance to young and old people; of active citizenship in support of charitable (or church) purposes; of democratic government (within the scope of Germany's Basic Law); of development cooperation; of environmental protection.

Note:

It should be noted that only project costs will be funded. There will be **no shortfall financing for the municipal budget** (to fill budget gaps in municipal/district budgets or financing gaps in owner-operated municipal enterprises/similar institutions).

Examples of ineligible activities/costs:

- The preparation, establishment, or operation of economic activities (sale of goods or services). This also includes making infrastructure available to private individuals free of charge or exchanging services.
- Events held solely for the purpose of socializing.
- The acquisition, construction, or renovation of real estate (land, buildings), even if they are later to be used for charitable activities.
- Operating equipment not related to the project.
- Ongoing infrastructure costs not related to the project.
- Individual assistance for private individuals (e.g. therapy costs, cars).
- Support for election campaigns of individual political parties/voters' associations.
- Activities to support/oppose individual political parties or voters' associations.