

# Call for project proposals on endangered languages 2019



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The German Association for Endangered Languages (Gesellschaft für bedrohte Sprachen - GBS) offers funding opportunities for the documentation and maintenance of endangered languages and dialects (see GBS charter <http://gbs.uni-koeln.de/wordpress/index.php/en/about-us/charter/>). Individuals and organisations may apply for funding of up to 1,500 € for such projects. It is also possible to apply for additional funding for part of a larger project, if the use of the additional funding is specified in detail.

Applications for funding should include a detailed description of the project on up to six pages covering the following aspects:

- Degree of endangerment of the language under consideration (recent ethnographic information)
- Concrete results produced by the project (e.g., educational reading materials, video films, word lists, text collections)
- Time schedule
- Budget details – provide full details about how the funding would be used and state the total budget in Euros. The GBS cannot process applications without this information.
- Previous relevant work by the applicants
- Related projects – if there are other, related projects (past or ongoing) concerned with the language, please specify how yours is related to these and how it complements these.
- Collaboration with the speech community
- Practical matters (feasibility of the project under local conditions, research permits, etc.)
- Archiving and possibly publication of materials compiled in the course of the project, in particular with respect to accessibility of these materials by the speech community and other interested parties.

Please note the following:

- If you apply for additional funding for a larger project, the part of the project for which the GBS funding is to be used must be a clearly defined subproject, which ideally produces a concrete result (e.g., a dictionary as part of a larger field work project).
- Letters of recommendation by the speech community or scholars who are familiar with the research situation in the respective area can be handed in with the application, but are not a necessary component.
- If you apply for coverage of printing costs, a complete manuscript must be presented to the GBS before final approval of the project.
- GBS funding is primarily provided to projects that stand little chances of funding from other institutions. We assume, for instance, that recipients of large research grants from other institutions can often obtain additional funding from these for projects within the financial frame of GBS-funded projects. We also assume that members of universities can use their universities' equipment for a GBS-funded project.
- If you apply for equipment, please specify what will happen to the equipment after the project.
- The GBS expects a short (maximum 2 pages) report after a project's completion for publication on the GBS website (<http://gbs.uni-koeln.de/wordpress/index.php/en/projects/>).
- If the funding is not used within two years after approval, it expires.
- Non-members can apply

The following criteria are applied for the evaluation of project proposals:

- Relevance and urgency of the project with respect to the GBS' goals and guidelines
- Coherence and consistency of the proposal with respect to time schedule and budget
- Feasibility under local conditions and cooperation with speech community
- Exclusion of the possibility to obtain funding from other institutions
- First-time applications for a given speech communities are given priority

The deadline for applications is October 1, 2019. We invite applications by mail or, preferably, in one single pdf document as an E-mail attachment. In case of E-mail submission, please specify in the subject "GBS application 2019: [short project title or language name]"

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