

Call for project sponsorships (ongoing)



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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](#), §2). Since 2007, the GBS has been offering so-called project sponsorships in addition to its regular annual grants (cf. Bulletin no. 13). These project sponsorships raise additional donations specifically for selected projects. Potential donors are thus provided the opportunity to act as sponsors for a specific project which appeals to them personally.

The GBS is always welcoming relevant applications for such project sponsorships. The selected projects are also presented on the GBS website in conjunction with a call for donations. Support is given in particular to projects that could not be realized without subsidies due to the low commercial significance of the language in question, e.g., book translations, text editions, dictionaries, teaching materials, or multimedia resources. The amount of funding requested should not exceed €2,000 as a rule. If the required amount of funding is not raised in full through donations within a maximum period of one year, the GBS will endeavour to provide additional funding from its general budget. However, this additional funding is expressly not guaranteed and is subject to the availability of funds.

The application for funding through a GBS project sponsorship consists of the following parts and can be submitted to the board at any time:

1. A short, generally understandable appeal for donations that describes the project, its urgency, and the use of the donations, and which the GBS can use to solicit donations (up to 300 words).
2. A three-page description of the project with information on the following points:
 - Degree of endangerment of the language in question and cooperation with the language community;
 - Information on potential donors who can be approached by the GBS (e.g., associations and interest groups representing the language community);
 - Information on the minimum contribution required for the project to be carried out, if necessary in a reduced form (in the event that the donations raised remain below the amount originally requested);
 - Financing plan – if applicable, a cost estimate for the publication is also expected here;
 - If applicable: content and structure of the planned publication and mode of publication (publisher, self-publishing, online publication, etc.);
 - If applicable: information on the target audience and the expected benefits of the publication.
3. If applicable: a manuscript or draft version of the materials to be published.

Please note the following:

- If you apply for additional funding within a larger project, GBS funding is to be used for a clearly defined subproject, which ideally produces a specific result (e.g., a dictionary as part of a larger field work project).
- Letters of recommendation by the language community or by persons who are familiar with research in the area can be attached to the application, but are not required.
- The applicant undertakes to provide GBS with relevant material for public relations and fundraising purposes during the project period (e.g., photos or other illustrative images, texts on project updates, etc.).
- In the case of publications:
 - For printing subsidies, a complete (electronic) manuscript must be available before GBS can release the funds.
 - After publication, GBS requests a specimen copy for the GBS archive and, if the print run allows, additional copies for donors of larger sums.
- Upon completion of the project, the GBS expects a short (max. 2 pages) report for publication in the GBS Bulletin and on our website. The GBS reserves the right to use passages from the application for this purpose until the report is submitted.
- Non-members can apply.

We invite applications by email in the form of a single attached pdf document. Please kindly specify in the subject line "GBS project sponsorship: [short project title or language name]". Please send your application to: gbs@uni-koeln.de

Translation from German. In the event of inconsistencies between the German and English versions, only the German version shall apply.