# Call for project proposals on endangered languages 2024

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). This includes, e.g., the publication of material that has already been collected, the collection of data by people who are already in the place where the data is to be collected, or data collection using digital channels. Individuals and organisations may apply for funding of **up to 1,800 €**. It is also possible to apply for additional funding as part of a larger project if the use of the additional funding is specified in detail.

Applications for funding should include a detailed project description on up to six pages covering the following:
- Degree of endangerment of the language (or variety) under consideration (recent ethnographic information)
- Concrete results to be delivered (e.g., educational reading materials, video films, word lists, text collections)
- Time schedule
- Budget details – provide full details about how the funding will be used and state the total budget in Euros. The GBS cannot process applications without this information.
- Previous relevant work by the applicant(s)
- 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, e.g., regarding transport, contact with the speech community, and the like)
- Archiving and possible publication of materials compiled in the course of the project, detailing in particular matters of 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, that 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 attached to the application, but are not a necessary component.
- If you apply for coverage of printing costs, a(n electronic) copy of 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 that recipients of large research grants from other institutions can 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 how the equipment will be used after the project.
- The GBS expects a short report (2 pages max) upon a project's completion for publication on our website.
- 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
- impossibility to obtain funding from other institutions
- First-time applications for a given speech community are given priority

The deadline for applications is October 1, 2024. We invite applications by email or, preferably, in one single pdf document as an email attachment. In case of email submission, kindly specify in the subject line "GBS application 2024: [short project title or language name]".  Please send your application to:

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