

Support Criteria of the Amadeu Antonio Foundation

With advice for applicants

The **Amadeu Antonio Foundation** supports initiatives and projects engaged with right-wing extremism, racism and anti-Semitism. We primarily support projects in the “new states” (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Brandenburg, Berlin, Sachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt and Thüringen) and prioritize projects in areas where governmental support is lacking. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting initiatives and projects that would not otherwise get a chance of funding.

The **Amadeu Antonio Stiftung** advises supported initiatives and shares the experience of its team. Team members help projects establish contact with the media and work to bring them to wider public attention. The foundation broadly conceives of itself as a development partner, accompanying and counseling our partners over the long term. As our long-term goal is the establishment and strengthening of democratic and civil-societal structures, we prize partnerships with communal organizations, politicians and private philanthropy, as well as private-sector enterprises.

What does the Amadeu Antonio Stiftung support?

The Foundation supports projects and initiatives which:

- Fight *against* right-wing extremism and populism and *for* human and minority rights
- Confront the societal causes and effects of anti-Semitism, racism or antiziganism
- Construct a democratic alternative culture to mainstream right-wing prejudice
- Focus on the long-term, not the short term
- Seek partnerships in their communities, whether it be with local schools, businesses, government bodies, or parishes
- Engage multiple parts of society (sports, education, business, religion, etc.) and a wide range of age groups.
- Make possible intercultural exchange and partnerships.

Advice to applicants: To receive a chance at funding, several of these criteria should be fulfilled, not just one.

Examples of possible projects:

- Alternatives to right-wing mainstream culture for young people: clubs, activities, sport, etc.
- Local projects and workshops “immunizing” against anti-Semitism
- Projects in cooperation with schools emphasizing intercultural learning
- Self-defense training for potential victims of right-wing violence; intervention training for bystanders

Who can apply for funding from the Amadeu Antonio Foundation?

List is not exhaustive.

- Clubs (*Vereine*)
- Networks against right-wing extremism
- Youth groups
- Church groups
- Schools—students or teachers
- Community or neighborhood organizations

What does the Foundation fund?

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- Co-financing of personnel costs or fees
- Travel costs inside Germany
- Physical materials

What does the Foundation *not* fund?

List is not exhaustive.

- International conferences or travel costs
- Stipends
- Memorial trips/tours/visits
- “End products”: films, books, albums, etc., *except* when the process of creation (i.e. together with a school group) is the main goal of the project.

Selection Process

Applications for sums up to and including €2,500 are considered by a small committee of AAF team members. The consideration and approval process takes 6-8 weeks after the application is submitted.

Applications for sums over €2,500 are considered by the Foundation’s board of trustees on a biannual basis. The deadlines for these meetings are June 30th and December 30th; you will be notified of a decision approximately 3 months after the deadline.

Please submit funding applications in writing and include the following:

1. A description and justification of the project, specifically containing
 - a. A description of the present situation your project hopes to improve (particularly important to us)
 - b. The goal of the project/initiative
 - c. The target group—as concrete as possible. Schools, community organizations, clubs, etc.
 - d. The methods—how do you plan to accomplish your goal
 - e. The expected results of the project/initiative
 - f. A detailed plan of action, containing both specific steps and a timeline thereof
2. A detailed reckoning of the costs and financing thereof, making sure that
 - a. The described costs contain the full expenditure of the project—leaving nothing out
 - b. The finance plan contains all sources of funds, including grants and subsidies which have only been applied for and not awarded. If possible, it should be clear to what end Amadeu Antonio Foundation funds will be used.
 - c. The costs and projected financing do not disagree, i.e., no costs remain uncovered.
3. A legally valid signature.

The applicant must be a legally valid nonprofit. In Germany, this usually takes the form of a *Verein*. In this case, the Foundation requires a description of the *Verein*, the bylaws of the *Verein*, an excerpt of its member rolls and a financial statement from the tax office. Initiatives lacking nonprofit status should seek a suitable sponsor for their funding application.

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