

Call for projects for the “Fribourg, ville plurielle” initiative

Inter-departmental project 2024: culture / childhood, schools and social cohesion / sports / urban marketing and sustainable development

1. Background to the call for projects

The city of Fribourg's history, geographical location and spirit of openness make it the ideal venue for initiatives that capitalise on the synergies that give rise to the city's rich sociocultural diversity.

The discussions held as part of the [Fribourg, ville plurielle](#) project, which was launched in 2021, helped identify a number of observations and requirements in terms of making the city's cultural, social and sporting life accessible to everyone. In addition, many projects fall between different fields (art, intercultural relations, sport) and do not currently meet the criteria to receive funding from the City of Fribourg's various departments.

In 2023, the creation of a mixed budgetary package covering these three fields enabled eight projects to be supported, with a total budget of CHF 55,000. Support for projects will be renewed in 2024 with the aim of improving the framework conditions for projects implemented by Fribourg's associations and charitable organisations.

2. Aims

The call for projects for the “Fribourg, ville plurielle” initiative aims to:

- Build bridges between different groups of people;
- Cultivate citizen engagement and participation;
- Support citizens' initiatives that combine two or three distinct fields (art, intercultural relations, sport);
- Consider the sustainability of projects as a whole (replicability, social, economic and environmental impacts).

3. Target groups

This call for projects is open to all associations, institutions, foundations and collectives that have their headquarters in Fribourg.

4. Eligibility and conditions for funding

The project must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- It must relate to at least two areas: intercultural relations/art, intercultural relations/sport or

art/sport

- It must encourage social diversity (open to all, intercommunal, intergenerational, etc.) and welcome participation;
- It must promote accessibility to the services being provided to participants;
- It must take various forms of participation into account (see examples in the glossary);
- It must favour local partnerships and pooling of resources.

The project must also fulfil the following conditions:

- The project must be completed in 2024 or 2025 on public land;
- All communication aids produced by the project must mention that the project is being supported by the City of Fribourg;
- The project initiator is a legal entity (association, institution etc.) with its headquarters in Fribourg or a collective established in Fribourg. It cannot be an individual person;
- At the end of the project, the project initiator must provide the final financial statement as well as a project debrief (evaluation);
- The project initiator is required to notify the City of Fribourg of any significant changes to the project.

The project initiator may refer to the “Grant Application for ‘Fribourg, ville plurielle’ projects” form, which contains more information about the criteria and conditions for funding. A glossary is provided to help project initiators.

5. Limits and budget

This call for projects is currently time-limited to 2024. A total of CHF 80,000 will be divided between the projects being supported. The grant is paid out in full once the project has been approved or by 31 December 2024 at the latest.

6. Submitting requests for funding

The grant application package must include:

- The completed “Grant Application for ‘Fribourg, ville plurielle’ projects” form;
- The articles of association and confirmation of the composition of the committee.

It must be submitted by e-mail to fribourg-ville-plurielle@ville-fr.ch.

The application package may be submitted at any time. The various departments and services involved will meet at regular intervals to state their positions on whether to provide financial support for the project. The project initiator will be informed of the next deadline for a response once the funding application package has been received.

The call for projects will close as soon as all available funding for 2024 has been allocated. Please visit www.ville-fribourg.ch/fribourg-ville-plurielle to check that this call is still open before submitting your application.

The City of Fribourg reserves the right to ask project initiators to provide additional information. The

decision to award a grant may not be appealed.

7. Support – help with creating a project and submitting an application

Do you have a project and need help with filling in the “Grant Application for ‘Fribourg, ville plurielle’ projects” form? Make the most of free support with completing the form and advice on how to implement your project, all delivered in partnership with the Bénévolat Fribourg Freiburg.

The Bénévolat Fribourg Freiburg also offers a range of training events in different areas of association management throughout the year.

Bénévolat Fribourg Freiburg can be reached by e-mail at info@benevolat-fr.ch.

8. Final report and statement

The final report and final breakdown must be sent to the City of Fribourg no later than three months after the end of the project, and must be submitted using the form provided when the city’s support for the project was confirmed. The decision to award the grant may be revoked and the grant repaid in part or in full if it is not used for the agreed purpose.

9. Further information

If you have any questions, please contact Floriane Pochon, Head of the Projects Sector in the Culture Service.

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