

# Gemeinschaftsaufgabe „Verbesserung der regionalen Wirtschaftsstruktur“ (GRW)

## *Investment grant for entrepreneurs and founders*

### *Who is eligible for support?*

- └ Business start-ups and
- └ existing businesses

in the commercial sector with predominantly supra-regional sales.

### *Who is not eligible for support?*

The freelance sector and other sectors do not qualify for support.

### *What is supported?*

#### **Grant for investment in fixed assets**

##### **Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)**

- └ Investment in new assets
- └ Investment in expansion projects
- └ Diversification of production
- └ Fundamental change in the entire production process
- └ Acquisition of assets of a facility under certain conditions
- └ Investment projects that enable the company to go beyond national and EU standards for environmental protection or to improve environmental protection in areas where standards are lacking (environmental protection assistance)

##### **Large enterprises**

- └ Investment in new assets
- └ Diversification of the activities of an operating facility under certain conditions
- └ Acquisition of assets of a facility under certain conditions and further on condition that another activity is being pursued at the facility
- └ Diversification of an existing facility by adding new products or process innovations (in class-C support regions and under certain conditions)
- └ Investment projects that enable the company to go beyond national and EU standards for environmental protection or to improve environmental protection in areas where standards are lacking (environmental protection assistance)

##### **Alternative: wage grant**

- └ Wage-related grants for new jobs
- └ This requires that
  - └ at least five permanent jobs are created through the investment project,
  - └ the large part of the newly created jobs are of a high quality and taken up by highly qualified employees, and
  - └ the annual wage for employees paid by the employer is higher than EUR 30,000.
- └ Wage costs eligible for support are linked to investments involving capital expenditure

## What kind of support is available?

- Grants for investment projects with a minimum volume of EUR 10,000
- The maximum investment period totals 42 months
- The preconditions are considered to be fulfilled in the case of investments by a company not previously established in the municipality (= district) or if an established company invests in a new business activity and acquires a facility that has been shut-down or is threatened by closure.

### Creation of permanent jobs

- The number of permanent jobs must be increased by at least 5% or the investment amount must, calculated over one year, exceed by at least 25% the average depreciation earned over the past 3 years – excluding any special depreciation.
- The permanent jobs and the assets financed must remain at the company for at least 5 years after completion of the project.

## Terms and conditions

### Maximum support rates for operating facilities in the C support region

#### Investment grant of up to

- 30% max. for small
- 20% max. for medium-sized
- 10% max. for large enterprises.

### Maximum support rates for operating facilities in the D support region

#### Investment grant of up to

- 20% max. for small
- 10% max. for medium-sized
- EUR 200,000 over three years for large enterprises.

Your individual support rate depends, among other things, on the size of the company, the location of the establishment, compliance with special structural effects and the sum of other support.

### Berlin's support regions

Do you know the support region in which your operating facility is located? If not, you can find out by using the practical tool available at [www.businesslocationcenter.de/en](http://www.businesslocationcenter.de/en).

## How to apply

- The application must be submitted to Investitionsbank Berlin before the investment project commences. In the case of common task support (GRW), the time of commencement is, as a rule, considered to be the time when a delivery or service agreement is finally signed for the project. As of this point in time, you can commence your investment project at your own risk. This does not imply a binding commitment to grant support.
- In order to apply, submit the completed application form along with the supporting documents. You can apply online using the application process provided on IBB's customer portal. Alternatively, you can download your completed application form and send this by post or submit it in person.

## What happens after the application has been submitted?

- You will receive a confirmation letter informing you whether your project is eligible for support and which documents must be additionally submitted for your project.
- Following receipt of these documents, we will draw up a draft decision for the project. This is usually decided by an approval committee.
- After the decision, you will receive notice of support.
- The funding pledged can be paid out as soon as the investment is made and the preconditions for payout laid down in the notice of support have been fulfilled.

Please contact us at the earliest possible date. Our Customer Centre will be pleased to answer detailed questions regarding the programme and assist you with your application!

Please note: Applications are accepted in German only.

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