

1. Travel Allowances

Intention

The funding should be available to filmmakers whose short films (of all genres) have received an invitation to an international festival. The film has to be a German production or co-production.

Some of the larger, financially stronger festivals cover the costs for 2-3 overnight stays and can pay a subsidy towards travel expenses. Smaller international film festivals and cultural organisers are often not in a position to do this. Particularly in Eastern European countries this support for filmmakers cannot be guaranteed. In order to ensure the participation of the filmmakers in the corresponding festival and to exchange ideas and experiences directly with other filmmakers, the participation in the festivals will be supported.

Funding criteria

Grants may be awarded if the film is to be shown in the competition of an international film festival abroad, which is of outstanding international importance, offers presentations in front of a large audience, at which many and important representatives of the press and industry professionals can be expected. This also applies to festivals which are very popular in the respective country or when an additional participation in pitching events is planned.

The grants will usually be awarded to the director, only in exceptional and justified cases to another team member.

Only one grant can be applied for per film. Exceptions are only possible in case of events of outstanding importance.

Funding requires the willingness and interest of the filmmaker, to act as a representative for the entire German short film industry. On site, the filmmakers are supposed to socialize with the festival organizers and, depending on the situation, with the local film institutes or other potential partners of the AG Kurzfilm. The filmmakers are obliged to take advertising material and various AG Kurzfilm products with them to promote the German short film scene effectively (short film catalogue "German Short Films", postcards, posters, preview DVDs etc.).

Application and decision

The applicants apply with a covering letter and a completed application form including the documents required. In addition to the reason for the application, it should contain information on the film and the festival.

The AG Kurzfilm office will decide on the allocation of travel grants in cooperation with German Films.

In the event of a positive decision, the AG Kurzfilm resp. German Films and the filmmaker conclude a contract which determines the amount of the grant and the consideration of the filmmaker is included.

The guaranteed amount will be paid out if the office of the AG Kurzfilm has received a travel report suitable for publication (information about the festival, the presentation of the film, about the activities for the AG Kurzfilm, photos, press material, catalogue...) and an exact account including the travel receipts are provided.

Amount of travel allowances

A travel allowance of 70 % of the total amount shall be granted, up to a maximum of:

- 200€ for Central Europe (France, GB, Italy, Greece, Scandinavian countries etc.)
- 300€ for Eastern Europe (Russia, Romania, Belarus, Ukraine, Bulgaria etc.)
- 500€ for world/overseas (Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Australia)
- Subsidy flat rate for overnight stays: 100 € (total) for up to 3 nights

In addition, the filmmaker can receive a maximum of 100 € as a subsidy for the production of promotional materials for the film (postcards, flyers, posters, etc.) in advance. The printing of the logos of AG Kurzfilm and German Films is required.

Payment will also be made after presentation of the receipts and some specimen copies.

Please send the completed application form in an e-mail with all necessary documents to

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone: 0351-404 55 75

2. Costs of additional copies, DCPs and subtitles

Intention

The funding should be available to filmmakers whose short films (of all genres) have received an invitation to an international festival. The film must have a German production or co-production.

In order to allow the film to participate in the festival despite a lack of subtitles, additional screening copy or DCP, the subtitling or the production of additional screening copies/DCPs is supported.

Funding criteria

Grants may be awarded if the film is to be shown in the competition of an international film festival abroad, which is of outstanding international importance, offers presentations in front of a large audience, at which many and important representatives of the press and industry professionals can be expected. This also applies to festivals which are very popular in the respective country.

The grant can be awarded if a version other than that in the original language resp. an additional screening copy or DCP is mandatory. Subsidies can only be granted once for each film.

Application and decision

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In the event of a positive decision, the AG Kurzfilm resp. German Films and the filmmaker conclude a contract which determines the amount of the grant. The subsidized additional copy of the film has to be available for further AG Kurzfilm screenings without any complications and free of charge.

The vested amount will be transferred as soon as the invoice from the processing laboratory or the subtitling company is presented to the German Films Service und Marketing GmbH.

An assurance to bear the costs can be provided for the processing laboratory or the subtitling company by German Films upon request.

Amount of subsidy

75 % of the net amount can be subsidized, the production of additional DCP copies can be subsidized with a total of 200 €.

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