focus
germany
film
funding
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locations
national funding

german federal film board (ffa)
The FFA is one of Germany’s national film funding institutions with an annual budget of around €70 million financed by a film levy from the industry itself. The FFA supports feature films at all stages of production and exploitation. For more information visit [ffa.de/funding](http://ffa.de/funding).

german federal film funds (dfff I & dfff II) and german motion picture fund (gmpf)
The Office of the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM) has several programmes providing attractive funding opportunities for international co-productions. The German Federal Film Fund (DFFF) and the German Motion Picture Fund (GMPF) offer up to 25% of production costs spent in Germany, up to €25 million in funding per film production.

The advantages
- Non-repayable grant
- Transparent, automatic support
- First instalment paid by the start of physical production

DFFF I
- **max. amount per project €4 million**
  - For international co-productions with German co-producers
  - German participation of an international co-production must be at least 20%
  - If the total production costs exceed €20 million, at least 20% of the total production costs must be spent in Germany

DFFF II
- **max. amount per project €25 million**
  - For production service providers with responsibility for commissioned films or film sequences with costs of at least €20 million or more
  - German production costs of the film or film segment assigned to the German service provider must be at least €8 million
  - Funding of up to to 25% of approved German production costs

GMPF
- **max. amount per project €4 million**
  - For producers of series with total production costs of at least €1.2 million per episode
  - For producers of films not for cinema release with total production costs of at least €25 million per film
  - Funding of up to 20% of approved German production costs

For more information [dfff-ffa.de](http://dfff-ffa.de) and [gmpf-ffa.de](http://gmpf-ffa.de)
Anna Kendrick, Kristen Stewart, Toni Collette, Marion Cotillard, Hilary Swank, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Michael B. Jordan und Adam Driver – they’ve all heard the good news.

The good news about Germany’s seemingly limitless range of shooting locations – from Alpine castles to sandy beaches, from primeval forests to modern urban skylines and a vibrant capital full of historic architecture, the world-class crews, and state-of-the-art studios and postproduction facilities. And not to forget Germany’s diversified network of national and regional film funds offering a myriad of financing possibilities to international producers seeking backing for their next film project.

**focus germany** – your guide to filmmaking in Germany

Focus Germany is the umbrella organisation of eight German regional film funds, supplying the lowdown on the respective funding programmes and their film industry infrastructures.

So, if you would also like to hear the good news about shooting in Germany, don’t hesitate to get in contact with us. We’re looking forward to working with you!

**Find us at**

focusgermany.de
From the seaside to the Alps, from unique rural idylls with lakeside chateaus to the vibrant spirit of big cities, from places full of history to futuristic architecture and skyscraper skylines:

Germany offers great opportunities for making marvellous movies.

**how to get regional funding**

The application procedure is basically the same at each of Focus Germany’s eight member institutions.

The most important thing to remember is that you will need a German co-producer.

Focus Germany’s members allocate around €170 million in soft loans each year to support excellent filmmaking and projects of outstanding quality.

those eligible for funding are …

→ Almost all genres and formats prior to shooting – from mainstream to arthouse, from short film to high-end drama series, from animation to documentary, from drama to comedy.

→ All phases of production – from development and preproduction through production to sales and distribution.

Film projects likely to generate cultural and economic ‘regional effects’.
**key information**

1. **nordmedia // lower saxony & bremen**
   Expo Plaza 1 // 30539 Hannover
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   **Film Commission**: Susanne Lange
   s.lange@nordmedia.de // +49 511 123 456-53

   → annual budget €11 million

2. **Film- und mediendstiftung nrw // north rhine-westphalia**
   Kaistraße 14 // 40221 Düsseldorf
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   ChristinaBentlage@filmstiftung.de // +49 211 930 50-20

   **Film Commission**: Andrea Baaken
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   → annual budget €40 million

3. **hessenfilm und medien**
   Am Steinenren Stock 1 // 60320 Frankfurt am Main
   +49 69 153 24 04 0 // hessenfilm.de

   **Film Funding**: Marion Wagner
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   **Film Commission**: Sandra Duschl
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   → annual budget €10.2 million

4. **medien- und filmgesellschaft baden-württemberg (mfg)**
   Breitscheidstraße 4 // 70174 Stuttgart
   +49 711 907 15-300 // mfg.de

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   **Film Commission**: Robert Lanig
   lanig@mfg.de // +49 711 907 15-418

   → annual budget €15 million

5. **filmförderung hamburg schleswig-holstein (ffhsh)**
   Friedensallee 14-16 // 22765 Hamburg
   +49 40 398 37-0 // ffhsh.de

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   **Film Commission**: Alexandra Luetsens
   location@ffhsh.de // +49 40 398 37-230

   → annual budget €15.9 million

6. **medienboard berlin-brandenburg**
   August-Bebel-Straße 26-53 // 14482 Potsdam-Babelsberg
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   **Film Commission**: Christine Krone-Raab
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   → annual budget €38.8 million

7. **mitteldeutsche medienförderung (mdm) // saxony, saxony-anhalt, thuringia**
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   +49 341 269 87-0 // mdm-online.de

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   **Film Commission**: Bee Wöllfling
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   → annual budget €15.5 million

8. **filmfernsehfonds bayern // bavaria**
   Sonnenstraße 21 // 80331 München
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   **Film Commission**: Anja Metzger
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   → annual budget €40 million
doing the (funding) sums

The funding from the national and regional film funds can be combined in various ways to raise financing for your next film project.

two examples of financing

**Feature film**

- Your budget (German production costs) €39 million
- DFFF approved costs €38 million
- DFFF II non-repayable grant €9.5 million
- Selective regional loan I up to €1 million
- Selective regional loan II up to €1 million

**you could receive up to €11.5 million!**

**High-end drama series**

- Your budget (German production costs) €21 million
- GMPF approved costs €20 million
- GMPF non-repayable grant up to €4 million
- Selective regional loan I up to €1 million
- Selective regional loan II up to €1 million

**you could receive up to €6 million!**