

The Foundation

The foundation "Assistance for Families in Need – Foundation of the State of Brandenburg" was founded in 1992 on the initiative of Brandenburg's then Minister for Social Affairs, Dr. Regine Hildebrandt.

The foundation assists families to eradicate or alleviate a current emergency situation, if their statutory entitlements to other social benefits are not sufficient. A legal entitlement to the foundation's grants does not exist.

Since 1992 the state of Brandenburg's foundation has been able to support over 3,700 families with 2.7 million Euros and offer them a brighter prospect for the future.

Assistance amounting to 72.5 million Euros has been awarded by the federal foundation to over 133,046 pregnant women in the state of Brandenburg alone "as of 31.12.2014".

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AND LET US HELP YOU

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A Family in Need

Unforeseen twists of fate but also a whole range of unfortunate circumstances can cause families to find themselves in emergency situations from which they are unable to find a way out of on their own. A serious illness, separation, long-term unemployment, accident or death of a family member are examples of such cases.

Whom does the foundation help?

We offer families with at least one child or a dependent person, immediate and non-bureaucratic assistance, if legal entitlements to social benefits do not exist or are insufficient. The condition for this assistance is that the family's current residence is in the state of Brandenburg.

The foundation can

help you by means of financial support or an interest-free loan. The amount of financial support granted by the foundation is based on the individual family's situation.

What information is needed?

In addition to the description of your plight, you must inform us of any income, property ownership and monthly financial outgoings you may have, as well as the quantity and purpose of the requested assistance. Furthermore, evidence of claims to all statutory benefits to which you are entitled is also required.

Assistance for Pregnant Women

Pregnancy and child birth are dramatic events which can also lead to financial demands.

The foundation awards funds from the Federal Foundation "Mother and Child - Protection of Unborn Life" to pregnant women who require financial support.

When can the foundation help?

- | When difficult financial circumstances arise;
- | when all private and statutory forms of assistance have been exhausted;
- | when the monthly salaries of all household members as well as their assets do not surpass the limits of article § 53 no. 2. of the German fiscal code.

For recipients of social benefits, economic plight is regarded as proven according to the Social Security Code II and XII as well as article § 27 of the "Bundesversorgungsgesetz" (Federal Law on War Pensions).

How does the foundation help?

The foundation's funds are earmarked for

- | maternity wear,
- | supplementary baby equipment,
- | child-oriented furnishings and
- | other assistance.

Where can you apply for help?

Applications for the foundation's services regarding assistance for families or pregnant women are generally made via an information centre of your choice.

For example, these can be:

- | information centres run by non-statutory charitable organisations (AWO, DRF, Pro Familia, Caritas, Diakonie, etc.) or non-profit family associations,
- | officially recognised information centres for pregnancy and for conflicts during pregnancy,
- | the Youth Welfare Office, Social Welfare Office or Public Health Authorities responsible for your local area,
- | debt advisory centres or welfare centres.

You can find all the addresses for your region at www.familien-in-not.de.

The information centres will help you make your application and will forward the application to the foundation.

