Mini-Grants from “ici. here together.”

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Preliminary remarks

The Foundation for Language and Training Promotion (SSUB) launched the “ici. here together.” funding programme in the autumn of 2021. The Federation of Migros Cooperatives is the founder of the SSUB.

The “ ici. here together.” funding programme supports initiatives and projects in the field of migration and integration. It offers funding to local and regional projects that bring together people from different cultural backgrounds with the aim of enhancing cohesion.

Contact

The SSUB has appointed the Swiss Academy for Development (SA4D) as the main contact and coordinator for project funding applicants (project managment organisation).

Enquiries

All enquiries (financial enquiries, requests for advice, etc.) should be addressed to: info@ici-gemeinsam-hier.ch

1. Funding details

"ici. here together." supports project management organisations that promote coexistence in Switzerland with small amounts from CHF 500 to CHF 2500. A mini-grant can be used to try out an idea, realise a small project or cover ongoing project costs. The mini-grants comply with the basic principles of the "ici. here together." funding programme and support projects and initiatives in the following areas:

- “Here together in everyday life”: clubs, meetings, groups, one-on-one projects and networks that bring people from different backgrounds and cultures together to strengthen social cohesion.
- “Here together in all our languages”: services that support children up to the age of six and their families in speaking their family languages outside the home too, thereby promoting social diversity.

The call for applications runs from 2 April 2024 to 30 November 2026.

2. Formal criteria

a) Project management organisation structure

- The project management organisation has a non-profit legal form (association, foundation, cooperative). No individuals or profit-oriented organisations are funded.
- The organisation is based in Switzerland and its activities are for the population of Switzerland.

b) Grants and funding plan

- The requested sum is in line with the grant amount communicated on the website.

c) Project start

- You submit your project or upcoming event at least 3 months before the realisation.

3. Quality criteria

The following criteria are relevant for the assessment of quality:

a) Social relevance in the area of cultural diversity:
The project management organisation deals with current issues in the field of integration and migration. Thematically, the project is located in the area of "Here together, everyday" and/or "Growing up multilingual here, together".

b) Quality and implementation potential:
The project management organisation is aiming for a social impact with a project that is both ambitious and realistically planned.

c) Networking and co-determination
The project management organisation operates in a networked manner and involves the target group at least occasionally in the development of the project.

d) Social sustainability: As far as possible, the project management organisation takes social sustainability criteria into consideration not only in the objective but also in the concrete implementation of its project (e.g. diversity within teams, barrier-free access, use of gender sensitive language).

4. Exclusion criteria

The following are excluded from funding:

- Individuals
- Government organisations
- Schools
- Profit-oriented projects or organisations
- Completed projects
- Projects or organisations abroad
- Projects or organisations which pursue ideological, undemocratic or unethical goals
- Projects that only pursue internal institutional goals without social relevance

- Topics or organisations with the following thematic focus are not supported by mini-grants: physical health, medical services, research or congresses, formal education (also: school camps)

5. Multiple funding applications

- As an association, cooperative or foundation, you can receive a maximum of one mini-grant per calendar year from 2026 onwards.
- If there are many applications, we give priority to new and small organisations.

6. Application processing

a) The written response to an application will be sent no later than ten weeks after receipt of the application.
b) All decisions are communicated in writing. They are final, and no further explanation will be provided. There is no right of appeal or entitlement to annually recurring grants.