



Federal Ministry for
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth



Federal Foundation
Mother and Child



Information for pregnant women in emergency situations

When does the Federal Foundation help?

- a) You have your domicile or current residence in **Germany**.
- b) You have a **pregnancy attestation such as the pregnancy record booklet (“Mutterpass”)**.
- c) You are in an **emergency situation**. For confirmation the information center will review your income ratio. It is only possible to receive Federal Foundation grants if other social benefits – including social welfare – are not sufficient or cannot be received in time.

The **application** for financial support has to be submitted to a pregnancy information center, for instance the Arbeiterwohlfahrt, Caritas, Deutscher Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband, Deutsches Rotes Kreuz, Diakonisches Werk, donum vitae, Pro Familia, Sozialdienst katholischer Frauen or the pregnancy information centers of cities and districts (**and not to the Foundation itself**).

These associations can be found in the telephone book or on the internet, and they will inform you about an information center in your area. Try to make an appointment as soon as possible because financial support has to be filed **before the birth of your child**.

Application forms are available at the information centers.

How does the Federal Foundation help?

The Foundation's funds are granted e. g. to provide the first needs of the child, the continuation of the household, the apartment and arrangements, as well as the caretaking of the child. The grants are **not** credited to **Arbeitslosengeld II, social welfare** (“Sozialhilfe”) or

other kinds of social benefits. The amount and duration of the benefits depend on your personal circumstances and also on the total number of applicants in emergency situations. The Federal Foundation justifies **no legal claims**.

Every year the Federal Government grants the Federal Foundation a total amount of 92 million euros for its financial remedial actions. The Federal Foundation does not pay the money to you directly but for **pregnant women in emergency situations** to the state foundations for women and families in emergency situations and similar institutions in the states. In Bavaria, Berlin, Rhineland-Palatine, Saxony-Anhalt, and Thuringia the state foundations can also help with their own foundational resources. About 150,000 **pregnant women in emergency situations** are being supported through the Federal Foundation in an unbureaucratic way every year to unburden the continuation of the pregnancy and the caretaking of the child.

The Federal Foundation “Mother and Child – Protection of Unborn Life” is grateful for every donation. If you would like to support affected women, please donate to the following account: 268 444 500, Dresdner Bank Bonn, Sort code 370 800 40. Donations are an immediate benefit for pregnant women in emergency situations and are tax-deductible.

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