



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?

You are in a difficult situation while expecting a baby? Then you can apply for assistance from the Federal Foundation at a pregnancy counselling service if

- a) You have your domicile or habitual residence in **Germany**
- b) You have a **pregnancy attestation** such as a **maternity record** booklet and
- c) You are in a personal and financial **emergency situation**.

To receive financial assistance, you will have to be means-tested. You are only eligible for subsidies from the Federal Foundations if other social benefits, including social welfare, are inadequate, are late or you do not qualify for them. The **application** for financial support has to be filed at a **pregnancy counselling service** within the framework of face-to-face counselling (**not to the Foundation's Office in Berlin**).

To find a pregnancy counselling centre near you, you can use the telephone directory or the internet (e.g. on <https://www.bundesstiftung-mutter-und-kind.de/antragstellung/>). Try to make an appointment as soon as possible because financial support has to be filed **while you are pregnant**. For each pregnancy you can **file only one application**.

How does the Federal Foundation help?

Funding from the Foundation is intended to pay, for instance, towards a layette, your household, apartment and its furnishings, and care for the young child. It is **not** counted as income towards the **Arbeitslosengeld II, social welfare** ("Sozialhilfe") or other kinds of social benefits.

The amount and duration of the grants depend on your personal circumstances and also on the total number of applicants in emergency situations. You have **no legal entitlement** to financial support from the Federal Foundation.

Every year, the Federal Government grants the Federal Foundation not less than 92 million euros towards its financial assistance scheme. The Federal Foundation for pregnant women in emergency situations provides funding through the Land foundations for women and families in distress and similar central institutions in the respective Federal Laender. They are in charge of organising the award of funds on the ground. About 150,000 **pregnant women in emergency situations** are **supported** through the Federal Foundation **in a non-bureaucratic way** in any one year to help the women continue their pregnancy and take care of their babies.

You can make a donation to support the work of the Federal Foundation 'Mother and Child': IBAN: DE44 3708 0040 0270 2009 00, BIC: DRESDEFF370. Your donation will directly benefit pregnant women in emergency situations and is tax deductible.

THE BASIS FOR THE FEDERAL FOUNDATION, FOUNDED IN 1984, IS THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATION 'MOTHER AND CHILD -PROTECTION OF UNBORN LIFE'.

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