

CALL FOR PROPOSALS DANCE 2026

In 2019, the state capital of Hanover established an independent dance funding program. The funding instrument is intended to revitalize the dance scene, help new artistic signatures gain visibility in Hannover, promote new formats and help open up new sites and spaces for dance.

The funding is intended to facilitate greater diversity in the art of movement; cross-border or interdisciplinary productions are expressly encouraged.

The call for proposals is aimed at professional dance practitioners.

Funding is available for:

- Projects, i.e. time-limited, one-off projects from dance, dance theater and movement-oriented performance art with performances in Hanover, the development of the production in Hanover is desirable.
- E.g. new productions, co-productions, adaptations and revivals, guest performances in Hanover.
- Residency of the applicant in Hanover is not essential.
- Eligible to apply are natural persons (individual artists), associations of persons (GbR) and legal entities (e.g. association, GmbH).

Not eligible for funding:

- Final theses of artistic courses of study or other projects that are to be realized within the framework of an education.
- existing series of events.

Prerequisites:

- The project must be realized or started in 2026.
- The project may not have started yet, i.e. no contracts may have been concluded.

Ex. Dance group X would like to apply for funding for a guest performance in Hanover. This is possible in terms of content. If there is already a contract with a venue for this guest performance or if the venue already has the guest performance in its schedule, funding is not possible.

- Applicants must have already realized at least one professional production (production under professional conditions). Final projects of artistic courses of study are explicitly not included.
- Productions should include 5-10 performances, at least three of them in Hannover.
- A performance venue for the project must be secured (letter of intent from a venue; for productions for public spaces: basic approval according to the city's online procedure for events in public spaces).

Application is made online:

A complete application for project funding in the performing arts includes:

- Registration in the grants portal of the state capital Hannover at <https://zuwendungen.hannover-stadt.de/>
- an application for funding of a project (form paper to be uploaded)
- a cost and financing plan (form paper to be uploaded)
- the attachment Performing Arts (form paper to be uploaded)

- document with video link(s) to an artistic work (no trailers, but production recordings, in order to provide the expert jury with a more realistic insight into the stage action) (pdf document without form conditions to be uploaded)
- Letter of intent from the venue or permission for the performance space (pdf document without form conditions to be uploaded)

Completion guides for the grant portal as well as for the application and the Performing Arts Annex guide through the application process. Further information on how to apply can be found in the Performing Arts Info Sheet.

The forms for this are available for download at : <https://bit.ly/3dCZ28H>. (unfortunately available still only in German; you may fill in the form in English!)

The application and uploading of all necessary documents must be completed by Nov. 1, 2025 at <https://zuwendungen.hannover-stadt.de/>.

A jury of experts decides on the applications and prepares a funding recommendation, the responsible council bodies of the state capital Hannover decide on the funding.

Information and advice

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