

# Apply for funding for green roofs

If you plan to green the roof of your house or garage, you can apply for funding for this in the state of Bremen.

## Competent Department

- [Die Senatorin für Bau, Mobilität und Stadtentwicklung](#)
- [Die Senatorin für Umwelt, Klima und Wissenschaft](#)

## Basic information

Extensive green roofs help to relieve surface waters of pollutant inputs. Against this background, the Senator for the Environment, Building and Transportation wants to encourage Bremen residents to take the initiative and promote extensive greening of roofs with subsidies.

Funding is available for the installation of green roofs on new buildings and for the retrofitting of existing roofs with extensive or intensive green roofs. All costs incurred in connection with the measure from the upper edge of the roof sealing are eligible for funding. Measures to improve the load-bearing capacity of roofs in connection with greening are also eligible.

Funding is provided for up to 25% of the eligible costs of a plant, up to a maximum of 5,000 euros. The maximum subsidy per square meter of greened area is 25 euros. In the event of unforeseen additional costs during the construction phase, a subsequent grant can be applied for in writing. However, the total funding of 5,000 euros may not be exceeded. Own contributions are not taken into account in the funding.

## Requirements

Prerequisites for a grant are that

- the house to be greened is located in Bremen or Bremerhaven,
- the applicant is the owner of the land and building or otherwise entitled to dispose of it in rem (e.g. heritable building rights or tenants with the owner's declaration of consent),
- the measure is voluntary, i.e. there is no legal obligation to carry it out, such as a requirement in the building permit.

## Procedure

The funding program for the greening of roofs is handled by Bremer Umwelt Beratung on behalf of the Senator for the Environment, Building and Transportation. Interested parties can obtain advice on the implementation of projects and help with applications here by prior appointment. In addition, citizens should send the attached application form to this office (see office).

The application must be accompanied by a plot plan or sketch and a cost estimate.

The overall financing of the facility must be secured at the time of application.

The measure may not be started before the grant is approved. Exceptions are decided by the granting authority upon application.

The grants are approved by notice.

The subsidy is paid after completion of the system and after presentation of the cost receipts and after inspection of the system by the approval authority or a body appointed by it.

## More information

Green roof projects are only funded if corresponding funds are available. There is no legal entitlement to funding. If the subsidies are not used appropriately, they can be reclaimed including interest.

In accordance with Section 5 of the Act on the Enforcement of a Minimum Wage in Bremen (State Minimum Wage Act) of July 17, 2012 (Brem.GBl. p. 300), which came into force on September 01, 2012, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and the municipalities of Bremen and Bremerhaven only grant subsidies if the recipients undertake to pay their employees at least the statutory minimum wage of currently €8.50 (gross) per hour worked.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

The entitlement to a subsidy expires after 12 months. The period begins with the date of the grant decision. In justified cases, this period can be extended once upon request.