



Info for applicants and grantees

Thank you for protecting your river! We know that struggling against dams is hard work, so we want to help you with our funding and make cooperating with us as easy as possible for you. There are a few things special about Free Rivers Fund grants, so here some info for you on how it works!

How does the Free Rivers Fund raise the money?

The Free Rivers Fund receives funding from companies that wish to help keeping rivers free flowing. Canoe clubs and individuals from within the kayaking community and nature enthusiasts also donate to the Free Rivers Fund.

How does the funding work?

The Free Rivers Fund pays bills for the funded projects, it does not transfer money to the grantees' bank accounts. This way it is possible for us keep paperwork very easy and least time consuming. If you as a funded project have to cover expenses, there are several possibilities:

1) The invoice is issued to the Free Rivers Fund and we pay the person or goods directly. For example, if you have to hire a film maker, then the film maker issues his invoice to the Free Rivers Fund and you email it to us so that we can send the money to the film makers bank account.

Another example: You order flyers from a printing company online for your campaign, then you put your address as delivery address and the Free Rivers Fund address as invoice address. After ordering, you email the invoice to us and we pay the printing company directly.

2) If it is not possible that we pay directly: You can also buy what you need and then send us a scan or picture of the receipt. If this is the case, then it helps us a lot, if you send us a short email with a list of things you need *before* you buy them.

3) When you want us to pay petrol for you, then we need a list from you saying:

- from where to where you were going,
- how many kilometers you were driving
- and why you were driving.

And of course the receipt (scan or photo) from the petrol station.

For the options 2) and 3) you / your organisation needs to have a bank account.

Note: If there are bank transaction fees then we have to subtract them from your grant because we do not have other money to cover these fees. So it's generally better to make a few larger transactions than many small ones.

How much money to expect?

The amount of your projects' grant depends on the amount of donations the Free Rivers Fund collects. We divide the total amount of money that the Free Rivers Fund receives by the number of projects funded. Expect between 1000€ and 2000€.

We have a lag of half a year between incoming donations and outgoing funding. So when we choose your project as grantee we can let you know how much money we have collected for you the past half year. This is then not yet the total amount, because between January and June we still raise funds for you. We can tell you the total amount you will receive by end of June each year.

What is being asked from the grantees?

We want you to get your work done and save your river, so you do not have any obligation towards the Free Rivers Fund. But you can be of great help for us, because we want to explain to our donors what their money is actually being used for. This way we can motivate more people to donate and therefore can help more projects fighting dams in the future.

So please send us pictures of what you are doing, your actions, your river, the people that fight with you, anything that you find important. And keep us up to date how your project is going. We will share this through our media channels.

Any questions?

Always feel free to email us to mail@freerivers.org!