

# Start-up grant Building out of the Soil

**Prior to the Open Call: Building out of the Soil's official closing date, it will be possible to apply for a start-up grant up to and including 8 July 2022. The start-up grant is a maximum of € 5,000. This start-up grant enables young designers, in particular, to explore collaboration opportunities with parties from different sectors and to draw up a detailed project proposal for the open call. For this grant, co-financing is not compulsory.**

The application for a start-up grant describes the activities that contribute to:

- exploring the issue;
- working out the plan of action;
- involving collaboration partners;
- and/or organizing co-financing

## procedure

Applications for a start-up grant can be submitted at any time **from 23 May up to and including 8 July 2022**. Grant applications will be processed in the order of submission, with the date and time of submission of a complete application being decisive in that regard. The Fund is making a budget available which will support a maximum of 16 proposals for a start-up grant. Once 16 proposals have been selected, the grant scheme will immediately close and any proposals submitted after that will no longer be processed.

*Update dated June 29, 2022: currently four start-up grants have been awarded and two start-up grant applications are pending.*

*Please note: The Open Call: Building out of the Soil is open to everybody and applications will be treated equally, whether or not you received a start-up grant. If you have any questions about this, please contact Martijn Kerkmeijer.*

The start-up phase runs up to 26 September 2022 and results in a detailed research by design proposal, which can be submitted to the Open Call: Building out of the Soil.

An application for a start-up grant consists of:

- 1 a plan of no more than 3 pages, containing:
  - a an explanation of the issue;
  - b a description of the activities during the start-up phase;
  - c intended collaboration partners;
  - d a concise budget.
- 2 CVs of the designers involved (no more than 2 pages and not larger than 2 MB).
- 3 An extract from the register of the Chamber of Commerce relating to the implementing party. The designer acts as the main applicant and is responsible for implementing the project in the context of this start-up grant.

You can submit your application for a start-up grant via the [online application environment](#). Under 'vouchers', select the 'Start-up grant Building out of the Soil' round. For this, you will need a personal account.

*Please note: Make sure you create an account for the [online application environment](#) in good time and familiarize yourself with the application form. Validating a new user account can take up to 1 working day.*

## assessment for the start-up grant

The application for a start-up grant is assessed internally by at least two Fund officers. They assess the application based on the following criteria, which are given the same weighting:

- how the issue is linked to the open call's theme;
- intended collaboration partners;
- the degree to which the plan of action for the start-up grant is effectively set up to realize a qualitatively well detailed plan.

The submitted proposals will be processed and assessed on the basis of the Fund's Open Call Grant Scheme and the extent to which the application meets the start-up grant's criteria. For this open call, the following article of this grant scheme is not applicable:

- Article 10(2).

## selection for a start-up grant

You will be notified about whether or not the start-up grant has been awarded in a decision. You will receive this decision via the online application environment no later than four weeks after you have submitted your application.

## contact

For questions about the start-up grant and the procedure, please contact:

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