

## THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DRESDEN

### BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.

#### POPULATION SERVED:

Overall population in Sachsen: 4.084.851 (Destatis statistics)

158.743 (3,9%) of overall population are immigrants (Destatis statistics)

Overall population in Dresden: (Destatis statistics, end of 2014)

4,9% of overall population are immigrants (Destatis statistics)



#### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:

7,9 % of overall (active) population are unemployed (Destatis statistics, 2015).

#### AVERAGE SALARY:

Average salary in Dresden: 2 472€/month gross

Average salary in Sachsen: 2 899€/month gross (Destatis statistics, 2015)

Average salary in Germany: 3 612€/month gross (Destatis statistics, 2015)

#### COMMUNITY:

Dresden is the capital of the free state of Saxony in Germany. Presumably, Dresden was founded in 1173. The city was known as the Jewel Box, because of its baroque and rococo city centre. But the controversial American and British bombing of Dresden in World War 2 killed approximately 25,000 people and destroyed the entire city centre.

Before and since the German reunification in 1990, Dresden was and still is a cultural, educational, political and economic centre of Germany and Europe. The Dresden University of Technology is one of the 10 largest universities in Germany and part of the German Universities Excellence Initiative.

### BÜRGERSTIFTUNG DRESDEN.



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### MISSION OF THE CF:

The Community Foundation Dresden is an independent, non-profit foundation from citizens for citizens. Its concern is to unite people who want to engage for their town and take responsibility for example with ideas, engagement and ultimately with a certain necessary amount of money in order to transfer a great idea into a successful project. (Information provided by The Community Foundation Dresden at their website [www.buergerstiftung-dresden.de](http://www.buergerstiftung-dresden.de))

### EVOLUTION OF THE CF:

The Community Foundation Dresden was founded on January 13th 1999. It was the first foundation to be founded in an Eastern German metropole and the fourth to be founded in Germany. Many thought it was a brave step to found a community foundation in the East but the founding donors strongly believed in the commitment of Dresden's citizens and the success of their project. Due to an external donation of 100 000 DM by the Körber foundation and their support in the following years, the Community Foundation Dresden was able develop and grow into what they embody today. Today the Community Foundation Dresden has a core capital of 5 million Euros, 3 million Euros of (independent) cooperating community foundations' capital and 2.5 million Euros of trust capital. Summing up, the Dresden Community Foundation is the second largest community foundation in Germany with a total capital of more than 30 million Euros of administrated asset. (Information provided by the Bürgerstiftung Dresden in their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure)

### APPROACH:

The Community Foundation Dresden is an independent and non-profit foundation from citizens for citizens. The foundation's aim is to bring together people who want to support and take responsibility for their city and fellow citizens: ideas, commitment and last but not least money are the basis to make a good idea become a successful project.

The foundation has 40 community foundations and 20 community foundation funds under their umbrella and furthermore, administrates several large and independent community foundations. Moreover, the foundation employs at least 14 full-time employees.

Other than many other community foundations in Germany, they are not only active in Dresden but also in bordering rural districts and as community foundation provider beyond bordering regions.

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### OWN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

The Community Foundation Dresden has own programs or projects as well as projects that are initiated by committed partners or in cooperation with others.

For Example, “KulturLoge Dresden” is a project dedicated to those who cannot participate in cultural and social life due to little salary. The idea and goal of this project is to give those people the opportunity to participate in such activities. The project engages one employee and 21 volunteers.

The project “Busmann-Kapelle” currently is one of the community foundation’s largest projects. They support the construction of a memorial for an in the DDR destroyed church. The Community Foundation Dresden is the responsible authority for the construction and plans the assurance of the building through voluntary support. They have developed a concept for the utilisation of the building in cooperation with the development association, the department for culture of Dresden and the Protestant-Lutheran Regional Church.

The construction’s costs have been 3.2 million Euros so far and are expected to finally be completed in November of this year.

Another large project of the foundation is the so called “Freiwilligenagentur” (engl. “Volunteer Agency”). The agency consists of two employees and has placed over 8.000 volunteers within the last years.

Moreover, the Community Foundation Dresden annually spends more than 80.000 Euros via the “B.+C.-Heyde.Stiftung” on projects for the elderly and on cultural- and environmental projects. (Information provided by The Community Foundation Dresden at their website [www.buergerstiftung-dresden.de](http://www.buergerstiftung-dresden.de))

### GRANT MAKING:

The foundation supports regional citizens and projects with more than 500.000 Euros per year.

One example is the project “Lesestark! Dresden blättert die Welt auf” (engl. “Dresden delaminates the world”). Its goal is to support kindergarten- and elementary school children in their reading and language skills. The project is initiated by the Urban Libraries Dresden and supported by nursery schools and elementary schools in Dresden.

In another project, called “Generationendialog” (engl. “dialogue of generations”), students and elderly volunteers meet to talk about topics, such as school, friendship, hobbies and also war and peace. The project wants to encourage appreciation and

tolerance towards each other and forward the communication of different generations.  
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#### GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT:

Many people commit to the Community Foundation Dresden due to their voluntary work in the foundation's council, executive board, board of trustees and foundation convention.

The foundation council consists of ten members and watches over the adherence of the foundation's aims. The council elects the executive board and decides on the economic plan, the company accounts and the execution boards relief.

Members are: Dr. Helmut Weideler, Jens Bemme, Pfarrer Harald Bretschneider, Dr. Arend Flemming, Prof. Dr. Gerhard Glaser, Stefan Mertenskötter, Karin Meyer-Götz, Heidrun Müller, Dr. Harald Röthing and Prof. Dr. Martin Schulte.

The executive board manages the ongoing business and represents the foundation externally. It consists of three members: Burghard von Barga, Melanie Hörenz and Winfried Ripp.

The board of trustees is the consulting instance of the foundation. It consists of two members: Gunter Emmerlich and Prof. Günter Sommer.

The assembly of founders consists of all external donors that have contributed more than 500 Euros to the foundation's financial capacity. All members are continuously informed about the projects and foundation's developments and can contribute to it by discussing and putting ideas forward. (Information provided by The Community Foundation Dresden at their website [www.buergerstiftung-dresden.de](http://www.buergerstiftung-dresden.de))

#### NUMBERS.

	2014	2015
<b>founders</b>	205	218
<b>asset</b>	22.126.000 €	23.926.000 €
<b>donations</b>	23.300 €	44.150 €

(Source: Surveys of the Initiative Bürgerstiftungen in 2015 and 2016)

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