

## A leaflet

on applying for Assistance for Expectant Mothers in Need

### Dear Expectant Mother,

This leaflet on applying for assistance explains some of the special features of the benefits offered by the Federal Foundation “Mother and Child – Protection of Unborn Life”.

1. Pregnant women who find themselves in financial difficulties during **any** pregnancy can apply for assistance with expenses arising from the pregnancy and the birth, care and upbringing of the child.
2. The application must be submitted by the expectant mother during the pregnancy. It is only valid if it has been signed and dated by the expectant mother.

The application must include the necessary documents, or you must provide them yourself as soon as possible. If an application is made without the complete documents, a final decision cannot be reached. Please do not enquire about the progress of your application.

Please notify the counselling service or the Foundation of **any changes in your personal circumstances** that are relevant to the application.

This includes any **benefits** that you have received or are likely to receive for:

- ▶ **Clothing purchases including initial equipment purchases for pregnancy and birth** (official decision)
- ▶ **Initial furnishing of your accommodation including household appliances**

3. You can apply for funding from the Foundation “Mother and Child – Protection of Unborn Life” **once only** for **each pregnancy**. You can submit your application to either a **counselling service in Saxony** or in another federal state (depending on your place of residence or the centre of your life). Double applications will be rejected.
4. The approved **amount of funding** from the Foundation must be used **appropriately**. Please keep all the corresponding **purchase receipts** for one year (in case checks are conducted). The funding will be reclaimed if it was approved on the basis of untruthful or withheld information or is used contrary to its purpose.
5. The Foundation’s funds are tax-free and may not be counted as income for other social benefits.
6. At the latest six weeks after you give birth, **please** submit **proof of your child’s birth** to the **counselling service** without being requested to do so.

We wish you all the best for the upcoming happy event and, above all, good health. If you have any questions, or if any problems arise, you can contact **your counselling service** in confidence at any time.

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