Investment Guide to Germany

Grants for Investments

Cash Incentives Program: GRW

Investor production facility set-up costs can be significantly reduced by cash incentives provided in the form of grants. There is one major program directing the allocation of these cash grants, the "Joint Task for Improving Regional Economic Structures" (Gemeinschaftsaufgabe, GRW), throughout Germany.

The program is issued by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. It defines maximum possible incentives rates for all regions eligible for funding throughout Germany which are published for each funding period in form of the Ministry’s so called "incentives map."

GRW Funding Rates

The actual incentives amount granted varies from region to region subject to economic development level. Accordingly, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy has defined maximum possible incentives rates for all regions eligible for funding throughout Germany.

Regions with the highest incentives rates offer grants of up to 30 percent of eligible expenditures for small enterprises. Small enterprises situated in the border regions to Poland may receive up to 40 percent funding. These higher incentive rate regions are mainly situated in Eastern Germany.

Several regions within the western parts of Germany are also designated incentives regions. In these regions, small enterprises can receive subsidy rates of between 20 to 30 percent of eligible project costs.

GRW Incentives Map Germany: Possible Incentives Rates by Region
GRW Cash Grants: Available Incentives Rates by Region until 2020

Available Incentives Rates in Incentives Regions Defined by the GRW