

# DISTRIBUTION OF SPONSOR MONEY

# **CATALOG OF CRITERIA**

## Type of proof

Only detailed, individual receipts for costs incurred are acceptable as proof of correct use. Please label the document with a sequential number. The amount of the refund requested must be clearly visible and its computation understandable on each and every individual receipt. Receipts for which the purpose of the purchase or payment is not clearly understandable are to be accompanied by a detailed explanation and the grounds of its relevance to the Organisation or business are to be clearly stated. Each payment must be proven by a bank statement. Exception: receipts and invoices with notes like "received in cash". If the invoice was paid using a private account or the invoice is not issued to the NRO, a proof of payment from the NRO to the private person is necessary.

### Time frame

Only receipts from the previous fiscal year (01.01-31.12.) are accepted. The date of the actual payment is used to determine the eligibility of a receipt.

# Kind of receipts

The submitted supporting documents shall only be recognized if they are clearly readable. Receipts that are not issued in German or English must be accompanied by a translation that clearly shows the content.

# Foreign Exchange

Receipts in currencies other than EURO must be converted and the exchange rate used must be indicated on the receipt. In case the exact course on the respective day cannot be derived from the invoice / credit card statement / course statement, the effective date is 31st of December 2025.

# **Additional documents**

In addition to the documents provided to proof of use of funds, the following documents must be submitted to IRO Office in time:

- » Completed form "proof of use of funds"
- » Statistic form 2025
- » Agreement regarding International IRO Sponsorship enlistment

Furthermore, the IRO membership fee 2026 has to be settled by 31st of January 2026

#### **Deadline**

All documents outlined above, have to be returned to IRO Office by 31.01.2026 at the very latest. A deadline extension can only be granted until 14.02.2026 and has to be applied for at the IRO office by 31.01.2026 at the latest in written form specifying the reasons.

**Please note:** Please fill out the forms using Adobe Acrobat Reader and send them to the IRO office as a PDF attachment via email. If there is no possibility of a digital signature, of course an additional scanned version of the page with stamp and signature will be accepted as well

# Not eligible

### » Lump sum payments

Lump sum payments and, in particular, percentages of general expenses such as staff costs, costs of furnishings, telephone costs, IT costs, etc. are not acceptable (pls. see type of proof)

#### » IRO membership fees

IRO membership fees cannot be claimed as this would lead to an unequal treatment of those NROs not involved in fund raising.

#### » Bank fees, interest, etc.

Bank fees, interest and other costs associated with financial or credit institutes can not be claimed.

#### » Alcohol and tobacco

Spirits, alcohol and other stimulants are not compatible with the rescue dog discipline. Those and similar expenses can therefore never be claimed.

## Eligible with certain limitations:

#### » Gifts

Gifts given for personal reasons can not be claimed unless there are special grounds for such a gift. For example, gifts given to judges in the course of a training event can be claimed, provided there is no personal motivation.

#### » Meals and entertainment

Meals and entertainment of any kind may be claimed only when provided as part of a rescue dog event and when there is evidence that they were provided free of cost to participants.

# » Personal expenses, allowances, cash payments, etc.

If accommodation, meals and travel costs are provided for a participant, additional payments in the form of cash or allowances, etc. cannot be claimed. Payments for which there is no receipt may not be claimed, keeping with the general obligation of proof for actual costs.

# **Special cases**

» The acquisition costs of assets / vehicles / real estate / equipment, as well as other investment costs are only eligible for funding after consultation with the IRO Office / Finance Department. The maintenance costs of vehicles are only funded to the extent of the proven journeys with a corresponding connection to rescue dog work.

# Disbursement of sponsor money - basics for participation

- » The NRO has to have a status beyond "Associated Member" (§ 5.4 IRO Constitution).
- » The NRO has to have at least one positive testing result in at least "A" in an IRO accepted testing event (international MRT,IRO testingevent,Team Competition, IROWCH) in 2025.

This catalog forms the basis for the determination of eligibility for payments requested from the proceeds of fundraising. Should any doubts arise as to the accuracy or legality of the use of the funds distributed, IRO reserves the right to exclude the respective NRO for the following year in whole or in part from the disbursement of sponsor money.

Those NROs, who have received IRO Sponsor Money in 2025 but are not eligible in 2026, do have to submit a statement of accounts concerning the use of sponsor money by using the form "proof of use of funds". This also needs to be returned to the IRO Office by 31.01.2026 at the latest.





