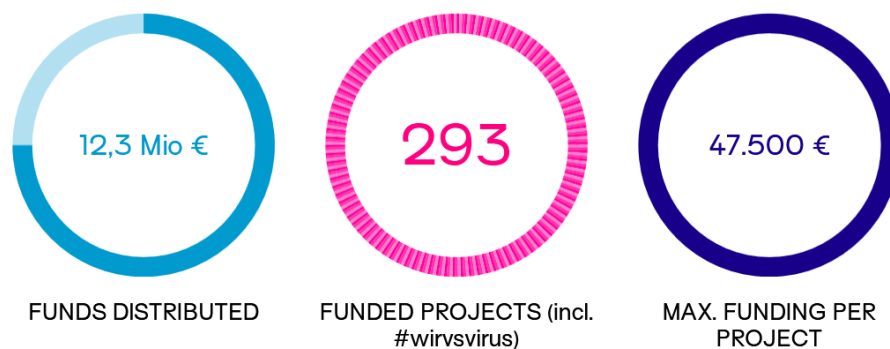


## Prototype Fund – innovative open source software for society

The Prototype Fund is a pioneering, lightweight funding and research program that opens up new innovation potential and supports open, participatory and sustainable technology development. The aim is to develop unusual solutions for social challenges. The focus is on the encouragement of experimentation, openness and interdisciplinarity. New paths to innovation are tested – with impulses for data economy, security, digital sovereignty, sustainability and usability.

To this end, the Prototype Fund supports individuals or small teams of hackers, data journalists, or other creative software developers in software sprints of six months to test and implement their ideas in the field of Public Interest Tech from the concept to the first demo.



How do we achieve that:

- **€€€** – The funded projects receive financial support of up to 47.500 €. Until 2021 a total of about 200 projects will be supported in 8 rounds.
- **Open Source** – The results will be published as open source software. This will benefit tech communities, innovation potential and sustainability.
- **Diversity** – We set priorities and target groups underrepresented in software development.
- **Networking** – We connect our projects with each other as well as with partners and thus build a strong ecosystem for free software development in Germany.
- **Coachings** – We impart knowledge for secure and user-friendly tools in cooperation with experts from the field of Human Centered Design.
- **Courage** – We support people in taking the courageous step of pursuing their ideas, daring to try something new and furthering their professional development.

Further information and all projects funded thus far at: [www.prototypefund.de](http://www.prototypefund.de)