**Bat Conservation Ireland Grants Scheme 2017**

Name of group/person applying for a grant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of person applying for the grant on behalf of the named group:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BCIreland Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please email info@batconservationireland.org for number)

Please tick the relevant grant category:

□ (1) Bat Group funding (Funding to a max of €400 per bat group)

□ (2) Conservation projects (Total budget of €3000, money allocation at assessors discretion)

□ (3) Large Public Events (Funding to a max of €250/event)

□ (4) Research grants – which may be based at a 3rd level institution

(Funding of up to 3 projects within a total budget of €3000. Money allocation at assessor’s discretion)

Title of project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief description of the project under the following categories:

**Objectives:**

**Please use additional pages where necessary**

**Project Details / Methodologies:**

**Please use additional pages where necessary**

Who will be managing this project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you require permission or an NPWS Licence to complete this project: Yes / No (please circle)

 If Yes, do you have the relevant permission / licence? Yes / No (please circle)

Details: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conditions of funding

1. All bat records collected through this funding application should be submitted to BCIreland for inclusion on the BCIreland Database.
2. All events funded by BCIreland should be submitted to BCIreland to include in newsletter, Facebook, Twitter and website.
3. All events funded by BCIreland can only be hosted by BCIreland members for insurance purposes.
4. A report is required to be submitted to BCIreland no later than 1st November 2017 in order to receive funding.
5. Receipts relating to the funded project are required to be submitted with report in order to receive funding.
6. BCIreland logo is required to be used in the promotion of projects funded by this grant scheme.
7. Additional conditions may apply depending on the project funded.
8. Applications are required to be a current member of Bat Conservation Ireland.
9. No overhead or administration costs (e.g. university administration costs) will be covered by this grant, if awarded.

**Information**

Bat Conservation Ireland has a limited fund to support activities in 2017 that will promote and/or conserve bats in Ireland. The grants come under four separate categories.

* Bat Groups (to a max of €400 per group)
* Public Events (max €250 per event)
* Conservation Projects (max allocation €3000, which may be divided between projects)
* Bat Research (max allocation of €3000, which may be divided between up to three projects).

Examples of eligible activities may include (but are not limited to) costs of room hire for holding a bat talks, purchase of bat detectors or other equipment for use by bat groups or researchers, cost of advertising bat events in newspapers, production of bat information leaflets for a particular locality, cost of carrying out essential repairs under licence on known bat roosts, improving habitats for bats using specific measures.

Bat Conservation Ireland reserves the right to allocate all, partial or no funding, at its discretion.

The person making the application on behalf of his/herself or on behalf of an organisation or group must be a member of Bat Conservation Ireland.

If your application is approved you will be informed of the amount being offered by Bat Conservation Ireland and you will be asked to sign up to terms and conditions listed in the grant application. Monies will be paid in November/December 2017 (or when the project is finished). In exceptional circumstances BCIreland may agree to pre-pay up to 50% of the funding with the remainder being paid in November/December 2017 (or when the project is finished) on receipt of: a summary report, bat records arising from the project and original receipts that total or exceed the full amount sought.

A final report, bat records (if any) and receipts must be received by BCIreland by November 1st 2017 (or on the agreed date).

Deadline for applications for the current funding phase is: 29th May 2017.

Applications received after this date will not be considered for the current phase of funding.

Grant applications can be submitted via email to info@batconservationireland.org

or by post to

Dr Tina Aughney, Ulex House, Drumheel, Lisduff, Virginia, Co. Cavan A82XW62.