**Bat Conservation Ireland Grants Scheme 2022**

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 admin@batconservationireland.org for number, if required)

Please tick the relevant grant category:

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

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

(3) Conservation projects (Funding to a max of €3000. Please see note on funding conditions in the information note provided on this)

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

(Funding of up to 3 projects within a total budget of €3000. Please see note on funding conditions in the information note provided on this)

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 on 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 1 November 2022 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. Applicants 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 2022 that will promote and/or conserve bats in Ireland. The grants come under four separate categories.

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| **Projects Funded** | **Funding Available** |
| Bat Groups | Up to a Maximum of €400 |
| Public Events run by members \* | Up to a Maximum of €250 per event |
| Conservation Projects | Maximum allocation €3,000, which may be divided between projects. Funding will be allocated, based on the application received to a maximum of €3,000. Funding may be drawn down at different stages, based on the individual project and at the assessor’s discretion. For projects completed over a number of months or to a maximum of 1 year, a short interim report will be required, along with evidence of monies spent, in addition to a final report. |
| Bat Research | Maximum allocation of €3000, which may be divided between up to three projects and includes Bat Rehabilitation. Funding will be allocated, based on the application received to a maximum of €3,000. Funding may be drawn down at different stages, based on the individual project and at the assessor’s discretion. For projects completed over a number of months or to a maximum of 1 year, a short interim report will be required, along with evidence of monies spent, in addition to a final report. |

Examples of eligible activities may include (but are not limited to) costs of room hire for holding a bat talk\*, 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, bat rehabilitation projects (e.g. flight cage) and 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 2022 on receipt of an invoice, with attached receipts and other supporting documents as proof of spend. In exceptional circumstances BCIreland may agree to pre-pay up to 50% of the funding with the remainder being paid in November/December 2022 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 1 November 2022.

Deadline for applications for the current funding phase is:

**Wednesday 2 March 2022 @ 5pm**

Assessment process to be completed by: 31 March 2022

Successful Applicants will be informed by: 11 April 2022

Applications received after 2 March 2022 will not be considered for the current phase of funding. Any events proposed for funding must be for calendar dates after completion of the assessment process 31 March 2022.

Grant applications can be submitted via email to [grants@batconservationireland.org](mailto:grants@batconservationireland.org) or by post to Dawn Quinn, Carmichael Centre, 4-7, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7, D07 RHA8.

**\* Any public events will need to adhere to any government restrictions that may be required at that time.**