

Bat Conservation Ireland Small Grants Scheme 2024

Overview

Bat Conservation Ireland has a limited fund to support activities in 2024 that will promote and/or conserve bats in Ireland. The grants come under four separate categories.

Activities Funded	Funding Available
¹ Equipment purchases for Regional Bat Groups	Up to a Maximum of €500
² Public Events run by BCI members	Up to a Maximum of €500 per event
³ Conservation Projects	Maximum allocation €5,000, which may be divided between projects. *
⁴ Bat Research	Maximum allocation €5,000, which may be divided between projects. *

Examples

¹ Eligible purchases for bat groups may include (but are not limited to) purchase of bat detectors or other equipment/consumables for use by bat groups.

² Expenditures associated with public events may include (but are not limited to) costs of room hire for holding a bat talk, the cost of advertising bat events in the media, or the production of bat information leaflets for a particular locality.

³ Funding for conservation projects could be provided for (but is not limited to) initiatives that seek to improve habitats for bats using specific measures, to carry out essential repairs under license on known bat roosts, to involve communities in bat conservation and/or promote bat education, or to aid in costs associated with bat rehabilitation projects.

* For conservation projects, there is a maximum allocation of €5,000, which may be divided between projects. Funding will be allocated, based on the application received to a maximum of €5,000. For projects completed over several months in 2024, the submission of a short interim report will be required. This will be in addition to the submission of a final report, and evidence of monies spent, at the end of the funding period.

⁴ Bat Conservation Ireland continually wishes to support quality research projects that aim to expand our knowledge of bats and that seek to improve conservation outcomes for bats across Ireland. The organisation will welcome research proposals of a scientific nature from universities, research institutions or otherwise, that aim to address key knowledge gaps in bat research in Ireland.

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Important details

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

The person making the application on behalf of themselves, 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 2024 on receipt of an invoice, with attached receipts and other supporting documents as proof of expenditure.

For all funded activities, BCireland may be in a position to pre-pay up to 50% of the funding with the remainder being paid in November/December 2024 on receipt of:

- (i) an interim progress report to be submitted after 4 months (details of due date below – applicable to conservation and research grants only) and
- (ii) a final summary report

Please note: bat records arising from a project, as well as any original receipts that total or exceed the full amount sought, must be submitted along with the final report.

The deadline for applications for the current funding phase is:

Saturday 16 March 2024 @ 5pm

Assessment process to be completed by: **4 April 2024**

Successful Applicants will be informed by: **11 April 2024**

Interim progress report (conservation and research grants only) due by **26 July 2024 @ 5pm**

A final report, bat records (if any) and receipts must be received by BCireland by **Friday 15 November 2024 @ 5pm**.

Applications received **after 16 March 2024** will **not** be considered for the current phase of funding.

Any events proposed for funding must be for calendar dates occurring after the successful applicants have been informed on **11 April 2024**, and must be completed in time for the final report due on **15 November 2024**.

If you require a Grant Application in word format, please request one via email to grants@batconservationireland.org. If you are submitting a grant application this way, please return your completed form by e-mail to: grants@batconservationireland.org or by post to:

Bat Conservation Ireland,
Carmichael Centre,
4-7, North Brunswick Street,
Dublin 7
D07 RHA8.

Terms and Conditions of funding

1. All bat records collected through this funding application should be submitted to BCireland for inclusion on the BCireland Database.
2. Details of all events funded by BCireland should be submitted to BCireland for inclusion in our newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) and on our website.
3. All events funded by BCireland can only be hosted by BCireland members for insurance purposes.
4. A final report is required to be submitted to BCireland no later than **15 November 2024** in to receive funding. In the case of conservation and research projects, submission of a short interim report will also be required and submitted no later than 26 July 2024 @5pm.
5. Receipts and/or invoices relating to the funded project are required to be submitted with the final report to receive the funding in full.
6. BCireland logo is required to be used in the promotion of projects funded by this grant scheme.
7. BCireland will require open access to any publications and data arising from projects or research that is funded through this scheme.
8. Additional conditions may apply depending on the project funded.
9. Applicants are required to be a **current member** of Bat Conservation Ireland.

No overhead or administration costs (e.g. university administration costs) will be covered by this grant, if awarded.