



GLOBAL GRASSROOTS BAT CONSERVATION FUND
Application Details

Thank you for your inquiry. Bat Conservation International (BCI) is committed to supporting high-quality, grassroots bat conservation efforts around the world. In general, we look for: habitat protection projects with significant ecological and/or economic value; research projects that produce data directly applicable to conservation activities; and educational projects that teach local citizens the value of protecting bats. We are most interested in supporting local, in-country conservationists and researchers. We especially look for projects in which BCI's support will be matched by other sources.

If your project fulfills one, or preferably more, of these criteria, you may be eligible for assistance through BCI's Global Grassroots Conservation Fund. This assistance may consist of grant funding (usually between \$500 and \$5,000), use of loaned equipment, complimentary educational materials, training, and/or detailed consultation with BCI biologists.

Please complete the on-line application and describe your project's objectives, methodology, timeline, and conservation value, as well as individual or group qualifications and a detailed budget as described in the application process.

There is no deadline for returning the application, as applications are reviewed on an on-going basis. For the most part, the program's business is handled in English, although reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate correspondence in other languages when necessary.

Upon receipt of your completed application, BCI will analyze the extent to which your project matches our objectives, gather outside reviews from scientific advisors, compare your project to other current requests, and possibly contact you with additional questions. You will receive a decision regarding funding within 6 to 8 weeks of receipt of your application.

If your application is approved for support, you will be sent an assistance agreement that describes BCI's commitment to your project and asks you, in turn, to agree to supply BCI with a written final report, photographs documenting your achievements, and samples of any materials produced as a result of your project. The assistance agreement must be signed and returned to BCI in order to receive funding, equipment, and/or materials.

Thank you again for your inquiry. We appreciate your dedication to bat conservation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barbara French at:

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Helpful Hints for Project Proposals

The following information will be helpful as you complete the grant-application process:

- Please keep your proposal brief and concise. If possible, include a location map and a short section on the background or history of your project. Explain why your project is important for bat conservation.
- Clearly explain the budget, including in-kind services from partners. Report figures in US dollars only.
- For cave- or mine-gating project proposals, submit design details. Only standard, proven bat-friendly gate designs will be considered.
- The Global Grassroots Conservation Fund is separate from BCI's Student Research Scholarship Program and the North American Bat Conservation Fund. Information and applications for those programs is available on BCI's website.