



GLOBAL GRASSROOTS BAT CONSERVATION FUND
Application Details

Bat Conservation International 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 (between \$1,000 and \$5,000), complimentary educational materials, training, and/or 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 completing 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 usually 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 Bob Locke at grants@batcon.org or by mail at:

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Helpful Hints for Project Proposals

The following information may be helpful as you complete the application:

- 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 for the project, including in-kind services from partners. Report figures in US dollars only.
- 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.