CornellLab | Celebrate Urban Birds

2027 Celebrate Birds in Community Mini-Grant Application form

Getting Started

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Celebrate Urban Birds 2027 mini-grant. These mini-grants support environmental education events focused on the conservation of birds and the natural habitats we share. We will prioritize community-led proposals that highlight local knowledge and experience and that emphasize culture and the arts. No previous experience with birds is required. Creative ideas are welcome. Mini-grants range from $250 to $2,500. Ready to submit your application? Let's get started!

* 1. Contact Information

Name and Last Name:

Organization or Community:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City/Town:

State/Province:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Country:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

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Event Description

* 2. Date(s) of your proposed Celebrate Urban Birds event(s)/project(s):

* 3. Location of your proposed event/project:

* 4. Who do you expect will participate in your event/project?

- [ ] Adults
- [ ] Children
- [ ] Youth
- [ ] Elders

Other (please specify)

* 5. Which groups in your community will benefit from the event/project?

* 6. How does this proposal incorporate the ideas, leadership, and local knowledge of members of your community?

* 7. How many participants do you anticipate?

- ◯ 1-10
- ◯ 11-25
- ◯ 26-50
- ◯ 51-100
- ◯ 101-250
- ◯ 251-500
- ◯ 501-999
- ◯ 1000 or more

* 8. Why do you want to carry out this event or project in your community, and why is it important to the people who live there?

* 9. Please, describe your proposed event or project in detail. Be as specific as possible.

* 10. How will your event or project prioritize bird observation and environmental protection in your community? Please describe specific actions.

* 11. How will your event or project center the community’s knowledge, culture, and experiences within the proposed activities? Please be specific.

* 12. How will your event/project incorporate bird watching and other educational activities centered around birds in your community? For more information on bird watching, or events inspiration, please visit our website (celebrateurbanbirds.org) or contact us at urbanbirds@cornell.edu.

* 13. We ask that you participate in at least one of the following bird observation events using eBird or Merlin App. If you have any doubts or questions, we're happy to help you open an eBird or Merlin account. Please select one or more.

- [ ] Global Big Day (May 8, 2027)
- [ ] Global Shorebird Count (September 1-7, 2027)
- [ ] October Big Day (October 9, 2027)
- [ ] I will conduct bird observations as part of my proposed events (on other dates)

* 14. How do you plan to integrate gardening for birds or include actions to improve the habitat for birds? Please, be specific.

* 15. How do you plan to integrate the arts into the proposed activities? (For example: music, dance, painting, murals, sculpture, poetry, theater, crafts, etc.) Please be specific.

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Funds Requested

* 16. How much funding are you requesting and how will you use it (for example, plants, art materials, collaboration with a local artist, etc.)? Please provide a simple breakdown of your budget. Include other sources of funding, if any. Mini-grants range from $250 to $2,500 USD. Mini-grants will be awarded based on the needs and impact of the proposed project in your community, so you may not receive the full amount you request.

17. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?

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Thank You

Thank you for submitting your proposal!

We will announce Mini-Grant winners on February 15, 2027.

Don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or if you want us to email you a copy of your application please contact us at urbanbirds@cornell.edu