

New Forest Biodiversity Forum - Small Grant Scheme Application guidelines

The New Forest Biodiversity Forum - Small Grant Scheme aims to support relatively small funding requests (up to £5k) related to New Forest biodiversity and conservation.

The scheme has up to £30k available per annum and will initially operate from 01 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2027; applications can be received at any time in this period.

Requirements:

Projects should include some of the following elements: biodiversity survey, monitoring, research, and recording, and/or conservation management actions to improve biodiversity.

Priority will be given to projects that seek to address known evidence gaps relating to New Forest biodiversity and conservation, and that have policy relevant outcomes.

Applications are encouraged to include innovative techniques and/or technologies, including 'high-risk high reward' pilot projects that have potential for wider impact.

Applications where this small grant scheme builds upon or leverages other funding sources and/or volunteer time are particularly welcomed.

Applications can be submitted by both individuals and organisations, including those who may not have access to conventional grant funding schemes.

Application Process and Assessment:

Applications should be no longer than two sides of A4 including e.g. project rationale, methods, outputs, partners, co-funding, policy implications, and required resources.

Applications will be assessed by the Forum Chair and Sponsors, normally with a turnaround time of a few days. In some cases, additional input may be sought from Steering Group members, especially where additional technical or site-specific expertise is required.

The Forum Chair is available for informal discussion with applicants about their project proposals prior to submitting any application (contact Russ Wynn).

Successful applicants will be required to provide an end-of-year summary and will be invited to present their initial results at the annual New Forest Biodiversity Conference.

Please submit applications to Russ@wildnewforest.org.uk