**Toronto Ornithological Club Grant Program**

The Toronto Ornithological Club (TOC) grant program disperses funds (around $2000-$6000 per grant) to non-profit activities aimed at conserving wild birds in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), or work that aims to connect GTA-based communities to birds and the outdoors. We especially welcome applications from small groups and organizations that are connecting Toronto’s residents to birds and nature, particularly for audiences that have been historically excluded from the birding community.

**Who should apply?**

Eligible recipients include: non-profits, registered charities, community groups, post-secondary students embarking on avian-based research, and education-based boards and committees. Ineligible recipients include businesses, or any for-profit entity.

-Eligible projects:

 -Require a contribution from the Toronto Ornithological Club between $2000 - $6000;

 -Are a maximum of 24 months long;

-Have clear measurable outcomes that may be reported back to us (e.g. data collected, events executed, people reached, area restored etc.);

-Have a clear budget breakdown;

-Are located (fully or partially) within the GTA; and

 -Are focused on (or inclusive of) wild bird research, conservation or education.

Projects may have other sources of funding aside from the TOC, or the TOC contribution may comprise the whole project budget.

**Important Dates:**

Grant deadline: June 31st, 2023

Grant decision made: September 30th, 2023

**Submission:**

Please submit your completed application form and budget template to president@torontobirding.ca by June 31st, 2023.

Your application should include this form, the excel budget template, and any supporting documents that will help us to understand your project a bit better. If you have any questions or concerns about the application process, please contact [president@torontobirding.ca](http://president@torontobirding.ca)

Decisions on funding will be made by the end of September, 2023. Please plan to time your project costs and expenditures accordingly.

**Acknowledgement of Funding:**

Please be prepared to acknowledge the Toronto Ornithological Club as a supporter on any written/digital materials you produce for your project, in presentations, or verbally at events. Our logo will be provided to successful applicants for the purposes of funding acknowledgment.

**Application Form**

**Applicant Information**

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**Applicant Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact person’s name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Phone:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Address:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Website/social media account handles:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Registered charitable number if applicable:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Description of applicant:**

\*Describe the activities of the applicant group, what you do and why you do it. If you are a post-graduate student, and are applying for your research costs, outline your course of study and general information about the research these funds will support.

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Information**

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**Name of Project:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project start and end dates:**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Purpose and Rationale:**

\*Why are you doing the project, and what is the importance of it?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project location(s):**

\*Project activities must take place at least partially in the GTA. Please be as specific as you can about the location(s) of your project, including, if applicable, parks, private properties etc.

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**Project Activity Summary, including start and end dates for each activity:**

\*What are you planning to do? You may break the project down into various activities that you will be undertaking. The example below shows the amount of detail expected for a single activity. Please add in as many rows to the table below as you need to explain the project activities (one activity per row).

| **Activity Name**(e.g. Install feeder system at Long-term care facility) | **Activity Description**(e.g. Two feeders will be installed at the Pine Ridge LTC facility within view of the public recreation room windows. Feeders will come from (insert retailer), and facility staff will keep them stocked) | **Dates that the activity will occur**(e.g. September-October; 2021) |
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**Project Outcomes:**

\*How will you know you’ve been successful? What outcomes are you hoping to achieve? This could be the number of people reached by your activities; the number of events run; an amount of data collected, an amount of land restored, or any other appropriate measure.

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**Other supporting information:**

\*Although they are not a requirement to apply, be sure to send on any documents or files that will help us understand your project better. Supporting documents might include partner letters of support; site plans, permits, or photographs. These can be attached to your submission email to president@torontobirding.ca