PIEDMONT BIRD CLUB

2026 – 2027 Minigrant Program
Information for Applicants

The Piedmont Bird Club (PBC) Minigrant Program provides an opportunity for the Club to invest in educational and conservation projects, conducted by individuals, educational organizations or nonprofit organizations, that promote the study and protection of birds and other natural resources in the Piedmont area (NC). PBC will award Minigrants up to $500; a total of $2,000 is allocated for the Minigrant Program. The PBC Board reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount budgeted for the Minigrant Program.

Examples of grant projects:

- *Stream bank plantings in a public space to prevent erosion and provide nesting and shade for birds and other species*
- *Expanding and adding additional native plants to a public Pollinator Garden*
- *A new educational display regarding native plants and how plants support healthy bird populations in different seasons*
- *Expanding the outdoor classroom at an elementary school*
- *Sustainable native plantings for wildlife in a public space*
- *Educational materials or birding supplies for a class project, a scout badge, etc.*

Eligibility requirements:

- Projects must promote the study and protection of birds and other natural resources in the Piedmont area (NC).
- Projects should benefit the community in some way (e.g., projects for an individual's yard will not be considered).
- The Minigrant Program is open to individuals, corporations, civic groups, schools and non-profit organizations for a non-commercial project.
- PBC members are eligible to apply; PBC Board members are not eligible to apply.
- Minors are welcome to undertake a project, but the project must be supported and monitored by an adult mentor (parent, teacher, scout master, etc.).
- Projects must be completed by August 1, 2027.

Timeline and Process:

1. October 1, 2026: Information on the Minigrant Program and the application is posted on the PBC website: www.piedmontbirdclub.org and publicized through various venues.
2. October 1 -November 1, 2026: Applicants submit proposals.
    - Applications are completed on-line at the PBC website listed above.

- Applicants will receive an email acknowledgment that their application has been received.
- If you have questions about the process, contact **Tom Gaffney, PBC Minigrants Coordinator, at tomgaffneyx@gmail.com**

3. November 1, 2026: Deadline for submission.
4. November 1, 2026 - December 15, 2026 : The Minigrant Committee reviews the applications and makes recommendations for awards to the PBC Board.
5. December 15, 2026: The Committee sends letters of award and checks, and notifies those not receiving an award.
6. January-August 1, 2027: Awardees conduct projects as approved in their proposals; PBC members may contact them for pictures or progress reports.
7. August 1, 2027: Projects must be completed.