

The Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) is operated by the NPWS to assist Local Authorities to carry out projects that target the objectives of Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP) 2023-2030.

Local Biodiversity Fund 2026

In 2026 €3 million in funding has been allocated for projects under the Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF) 2026. A diverse range of local authority-led projects have been selected for support through this fund. The list below describes the projects which were awarded funding.

Local Authority	Project Title	LBAF Grant 2026
Carlow	Carlow Wetlands Survey 2026-2028	€34,000.00
Carlow	The Hare's Corner in Co. Carlow	€29,750.00
Carlow	Carlow Protected & Rare Flora Survey	€11,050.00
Carlow	Urban Pollinator Foraging Network Management	€10,000.00
Carlow	Education & Awareness Programme, including Farming for Nature Celebration	€9,775.00
Carlow	Carlow Catchments Hedgerow and other Wooded Lands Survey	€2,125.00
Cavan	Survey of aquatic invasive species in Lough Sheelin	€1,568.25
Cavan	Wetlands Survey 2026	€39,572.18
Cavan	Bat Surveys at Castle Saunderson & Church	€3,090.48
Cavan	Erection of Swift Boxes, Cavan Town	€1,000.00
Cavan	Biodiversity Awareness, Education and Outreach	€15,470.00
Cavan	Bat Surveys at Bawnboy Workhouse	€3,825.00
Clare	County Clare Native Woodland Survey	€20,400.00
Clare	County Clare Wetland Survey	€20,400.00
Clare	West Clare Invasive Species	€8,500.00
Clare	Ennis Otter Survey	€6,290.00
Clare	Towards building a Strategic Marine Alliance in Liscannor Bay	€6,257.32
Clare	Clare Biodiversity Awareness – Connecting Nature with People	€6,800.00
Clare	Clare Lesser Horseshoe Bat Project	€8,500.00
Clare	The Orchard Way – a Pilot Project	€5,950.00
Clare	Killaloe Invasive Species	€8,500.00
Clare	Shannon Town Pollinator Project	€4,250.00
Cork City	Cork City Himalayan Balsam Mapping and Removal Project	€11,200.00
Cork City	Cork City Wildflower Meadow Enhancement Project	€48,000.00
Cork City	Cork City Ecological Awareness Project	€16,150.00

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Cork City	Cork City Ecological Enhancement Project	€21,250.00
Cork County	Barn Owl Monitoring and Conservation	€2,125.00
Cork County	Bride Valley Invasive Alien Species Management Project	€54,400.00
Cork County	Harper's Island Wetlands Reserve Conservation Management Plan Phase 1 Implementation	€17,000.00
Cork County	Amphibian Habitat Enhancement Project, Gallanes Lough, Clonakilty- Amphibian Surveys, Citizen Science Project Support	€5,865.00
Cork County	County Cork Swift Conservation Project	€4,250.00
Cork County	County Cork Wetlands Survey	€35,700.00
Donegal	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Donegal	€2,034.18
Donegal	Survey of the Alpine Newt in Donegal	€2,509.20
Donegal	Donegal Wetlands Field Survey 2026	€17,425.00
Donegal	The Hare's Corner – County Donegal	€34,000.00
Donegal	Swift surveys of Letterkenny and Buncrana	€16,082.00
Donegal	Putting Donegal Biodiversity on the Map	€15,300.00
Donegal	Restoring and Celebrating Culdaff Dunes	€5,100.00
Donegal	County Donegal Grassland Survey - Phase 1 - Consolidating datasets	€4,250.00
Dublin City	Status and distribution of the common lizard, Zootoca vivipara, on North Bull Island	€2,975.00
Dublin City	Nature Explorer for Schools Programme	€10,200.00
Dublin City	Capacity Building and Biodiversity Awareness in Dublin City	€19,125.00
Dublin City	Dublin City Habitat Mapping Project	€42,500.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	DLR IAS Treatments Carrickmines Catchment, Dodder Catchment, Booterstown Marsh (part of SPA) and Ballyman Glen SAC	€23,413.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	DLR Fitzsimons Woods pNHA Newt and Pond Restoration Monitoring, Bat surveys and staff woodland workshop	€9,309.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	DLR Dingle Glen pNHA Habitat and Species Surveys	€8,330.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Continued implementation of key actions of the DLR Loughlinstown Wood pNHA Woodland Management Plan	€30,933.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Macrofungal and lichen surveys of Loughlinstown Wood pNHA	€4,705.00

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Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Feasibility Study on River System & Habitat Restoration in Clonkeen Park	€14,025.00
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	Killiney Hill Bat Surveys and Public Engagement 2026	€8,500.00
Fingal	Ireland's Eye Seasonal Wardens and IAS Control [Option 1 - part time wardens]	€36,425.00
Fingal	Portrane Little Tern Conservation Wardens	€60,275.00
Fingal	Ecological study of the Mayne and Sluice Rivers	€19,000.00
Galway City	Galway City Biodiversity Areas – Habitat Survey, Mapping & Reporting.	€19,208
Galway City	Galway City IAS Management & Education Project 2026	€53,986.00
Galway City	Feasibility Study for Reed Bed & Swale between Bothar na dTreabh and Terryland Pond.	€8,840.00
Galway City	Connacht Biodiversity Officers Conference on “Our Road Network – Working for Nature”	€2,550.00
Galway City	Green Network Planning - City Tree Map Project	€4,675.00
Galway City	Continuation of Pilot Hedgerow mapping at Menlo	€6,205.00
Galway City	Ballyloughane Conservation Grazing Project – Botanical Monitoring and Survey 2026	€1,062.50
Galway County	Monitoring and removal of the Alpine Newt in County Galway.	€16,512.00
Galway County	Galway Raised Bogs Bird Baseline - Establishing pre-restoration evidence for peatland recovery	€10,030.00
Galway County	County Galway Wetlands Survey 2026 - 2028	€34,500.00
Galway County	West Connacht Islands Invasive Species Management Programme 2025-2027	€8,500.00
Galway County	Preliminary Lagoon Survey of Camus Bay, Connemara	€3,450.00
Galway County	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod Dikerogammarus haemobaphes in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.77
Galway County	Working with Nature 2026	€14,960.00
Galway County	Invasive Alien Species - Awareness and Management Project	€10,200.00
Kerry	The Hare’s Corner – County Kerry	€29,750.00

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Kerry	Eradication of invasive alien plants species from regional road network and other public spaces in the Dingle/Castleisland MD and Listowel MD areas	€12,750.00
Kerry	Managing Biodiversity on Local Authority Land Banks Kerry	€8,500.00
Kerry	Countywide Ecological Surveys for Kerry	€27,200.00
Kerry	Pilot Ground Truthing of the VWT modelling of landscape connectivity for Lesser Horseshoe Bats in County Kerry.	€11,900.00
Kerry	Capacity building and Awareness raising for Nature in Kerry	€8,500.00
Kildare	Kildare American Skunk Cabbage Control 2026	€10,455.00
Kildare	Kildare Himalayan Balsam Control & Community Engagement on River Liffey 2026	€2,500.00
Kildare	Kildare Hogweed Mapping and Eradication Project 2026	€18,700.00
Kildare	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Kildare	€2,034.00
Kildare	Kildare's Leixlip Spa Hydrology and Ecology Project 2026	€21,863.00
Kildare	Kildare Biodiversity Conference 2026	€7,765.00
Kildare	Kildare - Survey of the Invasive Amphipod Dikerogammarus haemobaphes in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.00
Kildare	Kildare Native Provenance Tree Nursery	€7,310.00
Kildare	Kildare Biodiversity Awareness Project	€15,300.00
Kildare	Kildare Wetlands Survey 2026	€10,455.00
Kilkenny	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Kilkenny	€2,034.17
Kilkenny	The Hare's Corner - Kilkenny	€29,750.00
Kilkenny	Public Grassland Restoration Project	€12,962.00
Kilkenny	Kilkenny Tree Strategy (Phase 1)	€29,750.00
Kilkenny	Continued Control of Invasive Plant Species in Woodstock Estate Woodlands	€21,250.00
Laois	Bat Survey on the River Barrow and River Nore SAC	€13,600.00
Laois	Semi-natural grassland survey	€25,500.00
Laois	ReFarm Laois - Wetland restoration/creation in Laois	€21,250.00
Laois	Laois Living Boundaries Project	€4,250.00
Laois	Triogue Invasive Species Survey	€17,850.00

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Laois	Abbeyleix Road Verge Alignment	€2,125.00
Laois	Significant Tree Survey	€10,200.00
Leitrim	Demon Shrimp Survey in River Shannon System	€560.77
Leitrim	ReFarm Leitrim	€21,250.00
Leitrim	Connacht Biodiversity Officers Conference "Our Road Network - Working for Nature"	€2,550.00
Leitrim	Return to Nature	€12,750.00
Leitrim	North Leitrim Habitat Creation, Restoration and Protection	€8,500.00
Leitrim	Conservation of Ancient Oak Woodland at Garadice Lough Wood	€15,300.00
Leitrim	County Leitrim Grassland Survey	€11,900.00
Leitrim	Biodiversity Awareness and Community Engagement	€21,250.00
Limerick	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod <i>Dikerogammarus haemobaphes</i> in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.77
Limerick	The Hare's Corner – County Limerick	€35,000.00
Limerick	A Control Programme of Giant Hogweed in the Loobagh and Maigne Catchments, tackling invasive species on the Loobagh , Maigne and Morningstar rivers	€15,000.00
Limerick	Specialised breeding bird surveys of important wetland sites in County Limerick	€12,495.00
Limerick	Coonagh Nature Terrestrial/Small Mammal Survey, (including bat activity) and detailed plant survey	€5,100.00
Limerick	Increasing Biodiversity Awareness and assisting long established Limerick Branch of BWI / IWT and Bat Rehabilitation Ireland	€1,275.00
Limerick	Biodiversity Awareness and Events	€10,200.00
Limerick	Limerick Wetlands Survey Phase III	€22,100.00
Limerick	Limerick Wildlife Walls - Increasing Biodiversity Awareness with HIGH IMPACT urban-art biodiversity mural.	€7,225.00
Longford	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod <i>Dikerogammarus haemobaphes</i> in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.77
Longford	Specialised breeding bird surveys of raised bogs in County Longford to understand the response	€4,675.00

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	of bird communities to rewetting and restoration and inform future local restoration initiatives	
Longford	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Longford	€2,740.91
Longford	ReFarm Longford – working with our farmers to create more space for nature on Irish farmland	€21,250.00
Longford	Longford Biodiversity Workbooks	€12,750.00
Longford	Longford Biodiversity Summer School	€20,000.00
Longford	Longford Grasslands Survey	€21,250.00
Longford	Biodiversity awareness, outreach and capacity building	€13,500.00
Louth	Louth - Baltray Little Tern Conservancy	€31,450.00
Louth	Louth - The Hare's Corner	€29,750.00
Louth	Louth - Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey	€1,215.03
Louth	Louth - Birds on the Green: Our Pitches, Their Habitat	€3,927.00
Louth	Louth – Biodiversity Enhancement of Local Authority Lands	€9,107.97
Louth	Louth – Building Ecological Capacity & Biodiversity Awareness	€17,000.00
Louth	Louth – Faith Communities “Return to Nature”	€4,250.00
Mayo	Connacht Biodiversity Officers Conference “Our Road Network – Working for Nature”	€2,550.00
Mayo	West Connacht Islands Invasive Species Management Programme 2025-2027	€17,000.00
Mayo	Mayo Hedgerow Survey 2025-2026	€21,250.00
Mayo	Church Return to Nature Project	€5,100.00
Mayo	Mayo Invasive Species Strategy	€11,050.00
Mayo	Mayo Grassland Survey 2026-2028	€19,550.00
Mayo	Wild About Mayo - Biodiversity Awareness Programme	€19,975.00
Meath	County Meath Biodiversity and Habitat Surveys	€84,500.00
Meath	Survey of aquatic invasive species in Lough Sheelin	€1,515.98
Meath	Commons of Lloyd Biodiversity and Conservation Agriculture Project	€8,500.00
Meath	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Meath	€2,241.25
Monaghan	Hare's Corner Monaghan	€38,250.00
Monaghan	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Monaghan	€2,550.00
Monaghan	Monaghan Biodiversity Audit	€20,753.13

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Monaghan	Monaghan Otter & Riparian Habitat Survey	€15,841.00
Monaghan	Monaghan Grasslands Project	€11,900.00
Monaghan	Monaghan Biodiversity Awareness	€7,400.00
Offaly	The Hares Corner Offaly 2026	€29,750.00
Offaly	Offaly Community BAP Action Support 2026	€10,200.00
Offaly	Wildflowers of Offaly YouTube Series 2026	€8,500.00
Offaly	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod Dikerogammarus haemobaphes in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.77
Offaly	Offaly Wetland Survey Phase 2	€21,250.00
Offaly	Offaly Grassland Survey Part 1	€21,250.00
Offaly	Offaly Grasslands Improvement Project 2026	€8,500.00
Roscommon	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod Dikerogammarus haemobaphes in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.77
Roscommon	Grassland survey of the Karst landscape of The Uí Maine Kingdom, South Roscommon.	€6,423.45
Roscommon	Pilot Biodiversity and Climate Action Initiatives at Loughnaneane Park, Roscommon Town	€14,450.00
Roscommon	Wetland Survey of County Roscommon Phase 2	€18,700.00
Roscommon	Roscommon Actions for Biodiversity & Awareness – Connecting People with Nature	€8,660.28
Roscommon	Roscommon Community Actions - Biodiversity Enhancement Projects	€21,080.00
Roscommon	Botanical Invasive Alien Species Control programme, Co. Roscommon	€8,500.00
Roscommon	Breeding Bird Survey - Carrowbehy Bog and avian bioacoustics monitoring in the County and Barn Owl Survey Phase 2.	€6,400.00
Roscommon	Grassland Survey and importance grassland fungi as habitat indicator	€6,800.00
Roscommon	Connacht Biodiversity Officers Conference on “Our Road Network – Working for Nature”	€2,550.00
Sligo	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Sligo	€2,034.18
Sligo	Connacht Biodiversity Officers Conference on “Our Road Network – Working for Nature”	€2,550.00
Sligo	The Hare’s Corner – County Sligo	€29,750.00
Sligo	Development of a Dune Vegetation Management Plan for Killaspugbrone Dunes SAC	€17,000.00
Sligo	Sligo Invasive Alien Species Programme	€6,800.00
Sligo	Wild Sligo Biodiversity Awareness	€28,900.00

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Sligo	County Sligo Grassland Survey	€9,775.00
South Dublin	South Dublin County Swift Survey 2026	€12,750.00
South Dublin	Habitat Survey of the Dodder River pNHA- 2026	€34,000.00
South Dublin	2026 Study on the invertebrate diversity of Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) Cells in South Dublin County	€17,000.00
South Dublin	Grasslands Restoration project	€21,250.00
South Dublin	Survey of Helleborine Orchids in South Dublin County	€12,750.00
Tipperary	Specialised breeding bird surveys of raised bogs in County Tipperary to understand the response of bird communities to rewetting and restoration and inform future local restoration initiatives	€9,265.00
Tipperary	Tipperary Wetlands Survey	€28,228.50
Tipperary	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod <i>Dikerogammarus haemobaphes</i> in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.76
Tipperary	Tipperary Barn Owl Project	€5,630.40
Tipperary	Building Ecological Capacity Within Tipperary County Council	€7,961.00
Tipperary	Community engagement, education and outreach	€17,000.00
Tipperary	Invasive species management on council owned lands	€17,000.00
Tipperary	Pollinator habitat enhancement on council owned lands	€15,300.00
Waterford	Waterford Sand Dunes Restoration & Management Plan for Tramore and Bunmahon	€26,350.00
Waterford	Survey of Waterford pNHAs	€12,750.00
Waterford	Waterford Bats in Bridges Survey 2026	€18,700.00
Waterford	Habitat Enhancement at Duckspool Wetland, Dungarvan	€29,750.00
Waterford	Invasives Species Control, Goff's Wood, Waterford City	€20,400.00
Westmeath	Survey of aquatic invasive species in Lough Sheelin	€1,515.58
Westmeath	Specialised breeding bird surveys of raised bogs in County Westmeath to understand the response of bird communities to rewetting and restoration and inform future local restoration initiatives	€10,200.00

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Westmeath	Survey of the Invasive Amphipod Dikerogammarus haemobaphes in the Shannon River System and Public Awareness of Aquatic Invasive Species	€560.77
Westmeath	Westmeath County Semi Natural Grassland Survey 2025 & 2026	€24,697.52
Westmeath	In Your Nature Podcast 2025 Series	€3,966.95
Westmeath	Managing Public Lands for Pollinator-Friendly Actions: Achieving Key AIPP Actions.	€10,200.00
Westmeath	IAS management & eradication at Belvedere House and Gardens	€8,500.00
Westmeath	Biodiversity Training, Events, Equipment, Resources	€8,500.00
Westmeath	Nature Restoration on Council-Owned Lands	€12,750.00
Westmeath	Robinstown Proposed Biodiversity Amenity Area – Council-Owned Lands	€6,800.00
Westmeath	Westmeath County Biodiversity Areas – Mapping & Ground-Truthing (Ancient & Long-Established Woodlands)	€8,500.00
Wexford	Cherry Laurel Control at Tintern Abbey, Wexford	€10,637.00
Wexford	Wetlands Survey of Wexford - New Ross Municipal District Part 1	€25,259.00
Wexford	The Hares Corner - Wexford	€30,000.00
Wexford	Biodiversity Awareness and Educational Events	€6,375.00
Wexford	Swift Survey 2026 -Enniscorthy & New Ross, Co. Wexford	€14,535.00
Wexford	"Return to Nature" Co Wexford Church & Grounds Biodiversity Project	€9,194.00
Wicklow	Woodland Bat Monitoring Survey for County Wicklow	€2,503.00
Wicklow	Landscape Restoration & Nature-Based Solutions Programme 2026	€31,365.00
Wicklow	Council Land Biodiversity Enhancement Programme 2026	€31,365.00
Wicklow	County Biodiversity Education, Engagement, Research and Monitoring	€31,466.62