



Freshwater Biological Association

Freshwater Recorders and Schemes Funding Programme

Aim of the programme

The Freshwater Biological Association (FBA) has established a programme to provide small grants to volunteer recorders of freshwater organisms to encourage the recording and dissemination of freshwater biological data.

The purpose of the programme is to provide some financial support towards costs such as travel expenses for meetings and conferences, the purchase of sampling and surveying equipment, and the production of publicity materials such as newsletters.

Eligibility

Schemes should normally be registered with the Biological Records Centre (BRC), although exceptions may be made, particularly for new schemes, or individual recorders.

The applicant (or one of the members, if part of a scheme) should normally be a member of the FBA.

Grant restrictions

The grant awarded by the Freshwater Recorders and Schemes Funding Programme will not normally be for the full costs (although exceptions may be considered) and priority will be given to those applications that have a contribution from another source (this can include the scheme itself). However, under certain circumstances it may be possible to give help in applying to other sources.

The maximum grant awarded will not normally exceed £500.

Only one grant award per applicant or scheme can be made in any one financial year.

The programme administrators reserve the right to decline support or offer reduced or deferred grants in the event of grant applications exceeding grant income. Consideration may also be given to the number of previous grants awarded to an applicant.

Administration of the programme

The programme administrators will decide on the award of grants, whether to offer a reduced grant or to attach additional conditions to a particular award. Under exceptional circumstances, the programme administrators will consider requests for money to be paid in advance of expenditure.

A grant agreed in one financial year must be claimed by the end of the following financial year.

