



## **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) Small Grant 2025 Application Form**

**WMBD Small Grant 2025 for East Asian–Australasian Flyway**

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## About World Migratory Bird Day 2025

World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. It has a global outreach and is an effective tool to help raise global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them. In 2018, WMBD unified the planet's major migratory bird corridors, or flyways: the African–Eurasian flyway, the East Asian–Australasian flyway, and the Americas flyways. **WMBD is now celebrated twice a year, on the Second Saturday in May and in October. In 2025, WMBD will be held on 10 May and 11 October. This year, the theme is “Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities”.** The EAAFP Secretariat encourages Partners to celebrate WMBD twice a year.

## Introduction of EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grant

The Small Grant for 2025 World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) has been established to provide financial support to [EAAFP Partners](#), [Task Forces](#), [Working Groups](#), and NGOs who plan to organize **public events and/or conservation action-oriented workshops** at national or local levels through participating in World Migratory Bird Day. We strongly encourage EAAFP Partners and collaborators to make an application for any suitable event or development of WMBD materials in the local language that aims to raise awareness of the need for conserving migratory waterbirds and the value of their habitats in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants who plan to organize an event to celebrate World Migratory Bird Day 2025 need to be **based in EAAFP Partner countries**. In addition, EAAFP Partner countries included in the DAC list of ODA Recipients are our priority to support (If you are not sure, please see the [list of EAAFP Partners](#), and [DAC list of ODA Recipients](#)). If you are not the country focal point of EAAFP, please consult and plan with the EAAFP focal point of your country before you apply.

Please note that this grant is to initiate a WMBD event. You can co-fund the event with other sources, but please indicate this in the budget session. Applications with similar content (location, target participants, etc.) to previous years may not be accepted. We also encourage proposals to promote Flyway Network Sites for the WMBD activities.

### **Information of the application**

Firstly, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria set for funding assistance under the EAAFP WMBD 2025 Small Grants Programme.

For your budget planning, please note a maximum of 1,000 USD will be allocated to each country. We recommend you submit your application as early as possible.

The deadline for application is **26<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. Please submit your application to the Communications Officer via email (Word or PDF document) to [secretariat@eaaflyway.net](mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net) and [communication@eaaflyway.net](mailto:communication@eaaflyway.net) .

After the Secretariat receives your application, the approval of successful proposals is made by the Secretariat. Applicants will hear the result within two weeks after the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Successful applicants have the responsibility to help translate the World Migratory Bird Day materials into their own languages. These translations will be shared on the World Migratory Bird Day website (<https://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/>).

Date of Application: August 7, 2025**1. Applicant Contact Information**

	Name of applicant:	
a.	Name of the organisation:	One Pawikan Initiative
b.	Applicant's position and division in the organisation	Founder and Lead Convener
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	NGO – Youth-led initiative
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Applicant's mobile number:	
h.	Website of organisation:	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/onepawikan">https://www.facebook.com/onepawikan</a>
i.	Additional contact person	

Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.

**1.1 Supporter Information**

	Name of supporter:	Jun Rey J. Tabarno
a.	Name of the organisation:	Department of Environment and Natural Resources – National Capital Region
b.	Supporter's position and division in the organisation	Ecosystems Management Specialist I – Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park
c.	Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other — specify):	Government
d.	Email:	
e.	Postal address:	
f.	Office phone numbers:	
g.	Supporter's mobile number:	
h.	Website of organisation:	<a href="https://ncr.denr.gov.ph/">https://ncr.denr.gov.ph/</a>
i.	Additional contact person	Denese Bea Cay

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**2. Proposed Event Plan and Expected Outcome (Please check the relevant categories of your proposed event)**

Public awareness activity — local and/or national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Birdwatching — field trip	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey — field trip	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Festival	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Others – specify

**2.1 Please specify your proposed event plan and expected outcomes**

Title of event:	Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands
Date of event:	October 12, 2025
Organisers:	One Pawikan Initiative
Target participants:	Youth (ages 16 and above)
Expected number of participants:	50-60 student participants

*Event objectives and plan (max. 500 words):***Project Summary:**

The **Las Piñas–Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP)** is a Ramsar-designated site and one of the few remaining natural coastal wetlands in Metro Manila. It serves as a crucial stopover for over 159 bird species—many of them migratory—traveling along the East Asian–Australasian Flyway. Endangered species such as the **Chinese egret, black-faced spoonbill,** and the **Philippine duck** rely on this habitat for feeding, nesting, and resting. However, threats like coastal reclamation, urban encroachment, and plastic pollution are rapidly degrading this fragile ecosystem.

**Safe Havens: Youth for Migratory Birds and Wetlands** is a youth-led, community-based project that promotes environmental stewardship through education, coastal cleanup, and birdwatching. Anchored on the theme “*Shared Spaces: Creating Bird-Friendly Cities and Communities*,” this initiative aims to empower young people to become conservation advocates who help make urban spaces safer for migratory birds.

**Objectives:**

1. Engage youth in the conservation of migratory birds and urban wetlands.
2. Raise awareness of Manila Bay’s ecological role in the East Asian–Australasian Flyway.
3. Highlight the impacts of plastic pollution and urban development on bird habitats.
4. Promote community-driven actions to create bird-friendly environments.
5. Reduce plastic waste in key shoreline areas of LPPWP.

**Key Activities:****1. Manila Bay Chirps: Cities for Birds****Venue: LPPWP Auditorium**

This learning session introduces participants to migratory bird species, their flyway routes, and the ecological significance of Manila Bay’s wetlands. The discussion will explore threats to bird habitats and introduce simple, community-based conservation actions. Participants will receive bird-focused IEC materials.

**2. Coastal Cleanup and Trash Audit****Venue:** LPPWP Shoreline (Freedom Island and Long Island)

Youth volunteers and local advocates will remove plastic and other waste from areas where birds nest and forage. A trash audit will categorize the types of waste collected and provide data for future awareness campaigns and policy support.

**3. Birdwatching and Habitat Walk****Venue:** LPPWP Nature Trail (Bambusetum, Mangrove Boardwalk, Beach Forest)

Participants will take part in a guided birdwatching session led by local experts. This immersive nature walk will encourage appreciation for birds and wetland biodiversity, with interactive learning through species identification and nature journaling.

**Expected Outcomes:**

- Increased knowledge and awareness among at least 60 youth participants about migratory birds and wetlands
- Strengthened community engagement in local conservation actions
- Cleaned and restored coastal areas that serve as bird habitats
- Data from the trash audit used to support environmental education and advocacy
- Youth empowered to advocate for bird-friendly practices in urban settings

**Relevance and Impact:**

This project supports the objectives of the Convention on Migratory Species and contributes to SDGs 11 (*Sustainable Cities and Communities*) and 15 (*Life on Land*). It advances local conservation priorities by empowering young citizens to protect shared habitats and promote biodiversity in urban areas.

Through **Safe Havens**, youth become active stewards of nature—transforming cities into places where birds and people can thrive together.

**3. Proposed Event Budget Plan**

Please specify budget plan of your proposed event

Total: 1,000 USD*Please note that ideal budget scale is approximately 1,000 USD to each country*

Budget breakdown:

Transportation	150 USD
Accommodation	150 USD
Food and Refreshments	250 USD
Honorarium for Speakers	100 USD
Birdwatching Equipment (additional)	200 USD
Printing of IEC Materials	100 USD

Cleanup Drive Materials	50 USD
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000 USD</b>

**4. Can you support translating the WMBD materials into your language?**

Yes  No

With the support from EAAFP World Migratory Bird Day Small Grant Fund, you need to:

- Register your event(s) at the following websites as well for regional and global statistics of WMBD participation. It won't take you long to fill in the form as it is a simple process. Registration of your event(s) at Global WMBD website (<http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org/register-your-event>)
- **Logos of WMBD and EAAFP have to be shown on all your printed and digital promotional materials.**
- **Reporting:** After any of your WMBD materials are published and your awareness event is held, it is required to provide an event report (see ANNEX I). The Report should include copies of any materials produced under the project. Published materials should be submitted with the report in both hard and electronic copy with suitable photographs illustrating the activities undertaken.

**Important notes:**

Report deadline:	<b>No later than 25 October 2025 or within two weeks after the event(s).</b>
Required information:	Name of organiser(s), target participants, programme, outcome summary and finance supporting documents
Submit to:	EAAFP Secretariat via email (Word or PDF document) at <a href="mailto:secretariat@eaaflyway.net">secretariat@eaaflyway.net</a> and <a href="mailto:communication@eaaflyway.net">communication@eaaflyway.net</a>

## ANNEX 1

### Standard Format for the World Migratory Bird Day Final Report Template

#### Section 1. EVENT INFORMATION (Compulsory)

1.1 Contact Information — Provide your contact information for this report.

Full name:	
Name of the organisation:	
Name(s) of the division and/or position:	
Type of organisation — Government/NGO/Private Sector/Other:	
Email:	
Postal address:	
Office phone numbers:	
(Your) Cell number (optional):	
Fax (optional):	
Website (optional):	
Additional contact person (optional):	
Date of submission:	

Please check if you permit to reveal your personal contact information on EAAFP website.

1.2 Event Title

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1.3 Event Location — Where did your event take place?

Name of country:	
Name of city:	
Name of event place/venue:	

1.4 Event Type — Check the relevant categories below.

Public awareness activity — local and/or national:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field trip (e.g. Birdwatching):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring/survey:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational activity/lecture:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Festival:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media event (e.g., press release):	<input type="checkbox"/>
Movie/video:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others — specify:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.5 Event Organiser — Who were organiser and/or sponsor for your event?

1.6 Target Audience — Who were the participants for your event (**Compulsory**)?

Target Audience Types	Number Participated
School students, teachers or parents	
University students	
Researchers, scientist	
Birdwatchers	
Site managers for flyway site and wetlands	
Decision or policy makers	
Media	
Others — specify	
<b>Total number of participants</b>	

1.7 Outcome — What is the outcome from your event?

1.8 Any additional comments? (Optional)

**Section 2. EVENT PROGRAMME (Compulsory)**

Provide your event agenda, programme or discussion paper in details here. If your event was recorded or held online, please share the links.

**Section 3. SHORT SUMMARY REPORT (Compulsory)**

Provide a short article about your WMBD event or activity you arranged to celebrate WMBD. The following information (venue, organiser, number and type of participants, outcome) should be included in your article. (Minimum 400 words)

**Section 4. EXPENDITURE REPORT (Compulsory)**

Expense items	USD
e.g. venue	
e.g. transportation	
e.g. birdwatching guide (amount x no. of guides)	
Others — specify	
Funding from other sources	
<b>Total</b>	

\*Please keep the receipt in case auditing is needed.

**Section 5. PHOTO, VIDEO & MATERIALS (Compulsory):**

Name of Photo/Video	e.g. photo 1 or video 1
Photo/Video	Please insert a photo here
Credit Info	Please provide credit information for this photo/video
Link	Please provide a link of this photo/video (e.g. FB posting or Flickr link)

Note:

- Email us the electronic file (JPEG or PDF) of your language version of the WMBD poster for publication on the EAAFP website.
- Post the printed poster to the EAAFP Secretariat if you can and have one available.
- Take plenty of photos of events or activities featuring the WMBD poster and send us these photos in .jpg or .png format; and videos if you have any.
- The logos of WMBD and EAAFP must be displayed on all your printed and digital promotional materials.