

Items that the HOS grant might be applied for

The following lists are not exhaustive and are illustrative of the items that might be successful for a grant application and those that are unlikely to be successful. Applicants can seek advice in advance of doing the detailed application if they are unsure.

- Hand tools and equipment for vegetation management, such as scythes, loppers, tree poppers, crow bars, shears, secateurs and hand saws
- Electric powered tools such as trimmers including spare batteries and chargers
- Petrol power tools
- Trugs and containers for moving vegetation from the site being cleared
- PPE such as hard hats, boots, gloves, goggles and masks to be used with the tools for volunteers
- Training for volunteers on the safe use of powered equipment used for the orchid conservation project that a grant has been applied for
- Fencing around orchid rich areas (cages) to keep out herbivores or individual plant guards where the population is dispersed
- Posts and materials to be used for fencing when a cage is inappropriate
- Hand tools used for fencing, post hole spades, post drivers, hammers and wire cutters
- Tool storage bins for the hand tools and equipment
- On sites that have orchids, but have become scrub encroached, the hiring of powered plant and contractors may be considered, provided that alternatives have been considered
- Signage and information boards about the orchids that can be seen at a site

Note the fact that although the HOS may fund items the operator / user must ensure that all required licences, permits and training are in place, for the likes of chainsaws, including any requirements for when work can be undertaken or is legally forbidden (during the nesting season), tree preservation orders, etc.

Items that are likely to be unsuccessful in an application

- Consultant's fees
- Site access improvements including roads and paths
- Car park enhancements
- Lighting
- Power supplies to existing buildings
- Landscaping
- Site drainage improvements
- Outdoor picnic tables and seating
- Rubbish and waste bins for public use
- Ground clearance and rubbish removal
- Buildings for lectures, meeting rooms or office space
- Office furniture, seating, tables, storage or filing cabinets
- Toilet facilities
- Soil testing
- Costs associated with habitat investigation for orchid re-introduction proposals
- lobbying or marketing work

- IT equipment or software, mobile phones or IT licences
- Staff wages for report writing.

Conditions that the HOS would expect any successful parties to enter into

Unless there are good reasons not to, the HOS will publicise the grant being made. Applicants can agree the timing and wording to be used, and joint publicity would be encouraged.

Confirmation is required to be provided that the items requested and or work has been completed by means of receipts, pictures, video or other evidence as agreed by the parties.

Applicants will be encouraged to submit a short article for publication in the HOS Journal or to give a talk at one of our meetings, to promote the work they have undertaken and the benefits it has delivered.

Payment of any grants being awarded will be by electronic bank transfer. This to be agreed by the parties at the appropriate time.