



Make it Happen - Hobsons Bay Grants

Grant Focus: Parks and Friends Groups

Council Staff contact - applicants requesting over \$5,000 are required to contact a Council Officer to discuss your proposal. All other applicants are also encouraged to discuss proposals.	
1. Officer: Frank Fardell	2. Position: Team Leader Conservation
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Grant Focus	
<p>Hobsons Bay’s rich natural environment is one of its greatest assets. The area boasts over 20 kilometres of beaches and foreshore areas and is home to significant coastal wetlands, five creek systems, remnant native grasslands, and important flora and fauna habitats.</p> <p>Grants under this focus area provide financial assistance to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local community organisations and groups for activities and projects that meet an environmental need in the community and preserve, protect, and enhance our natural environment. • local “friends of” environmental groups to conduct activities that encourage residents to interact directly with the environment. 	
Priorities/Criteria	
<p>Applications must identify a need for the project in the community.</p> <p>Applications should address the conservation, protection, and enhancement of our natural environment.</p> <p>All applications require approval from Council’s Conservation team.</p> <p>Educational and/or awareness raising component:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications submitted under this focus area could include an element of education and/or awareness raising that will build the capacity of the community to understand and respond to local environmental concerns. • Applications could also consider the relationship between the community and our natural environment. 	
Example applications/proposals	
Community engagement activities, initiatives, and projects.	Biodiversity and Conservation activities.
Nature connection programs.	Materials to assist with a conservation project. Maximum \$1,500.
Items/proposals that are ineligible	
Operational ongoing costs of an organisation.	Costs of existing and/or ongoing projects, programs, or services.
Applications that have not been approved by the Conservation Team.	Projects that are intended to take place on land owned by public entities other than Council for which permission has not already been granted
Capital works requests.	Wages or salaries of existing employees or contractors.